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IRAN'S HARDLINE PRESIDENT RAISI KILLED IN HELICOPTER CRASH

Ebrahim Raisi and foreign minister Hossein Amirabdollahian were found dead on Monday morning, hours after their helicopter crashed

A CONFIDANT OF SUPREME LEADER KHAMENEI

They were returning from the Azerbaijan border after inaugurating a dam. The crash happened in the Jolfa region of Iran's East Azerbaijan province amid poor weather conditions. Raisi, who was close to supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, took power in 2021. His tenure has seen Iran rocked by mass protests amid an economic crisis deepened by US sanctions

ONE-DAY STATE MOURNING IN INDIA TODAY

- Iran's first Vice President Mohammad Mokhber was appointed as acting president on Monday. Mokhber has held top posts within the country's power structure, especially in its influential charitable foundations
- A one-day state mourning will be observed across India on Tuesday as a mark of respect for Raisi, the Union home ministry announced | P9, P12

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WHEN IRAN WILL HOLD PRESIDENTIAL POLLS TO ELECT RAISI'S SUCCESSOR

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Guj police nab 4 IS men from Lanka with plans to attack India

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

FOUR alleged Islamic State-affiliated terrorists from Sri Lanka, who had come to India to carry out terror attacks, were arrested by the Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) at the Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport in Ahmedabad on Monday, days before the city is to host two key IPL matches.

(From top) Mohammad Nusrat, Mohammad Nafran, Mohammad Rasdeen, and Mohammad Faris

As per the police, the four arrived in Chennai from Colombo on Sunday. Subsequently, they traveled to Ahmedabad on an Indigo flight. "The ATS received a tip-off about the arrival of four terrorists by air or rail on May 18 and 19. Under discreet surveillance, they were apprehended at the (Ahmedabad) airport," Gujarat Director General of Police (DGP) Vikas Sahay said.

The four were being handled by one Abu Bakar al-Baghdadi, based in Pakistan, who had given them four lakh Sri Lankan rupees to fund the operation. Abu Bakar encouraged them to carry out terrorist activities in India, to which they agreed, and even showed readiness to carry out suicide bombings, Sahay claimed.

Based on the geo-coordinates and photographs found on their mobile phones, the ATS team recovered three Pakistan-made pistols and 20 cartridges lying abandoned at a location in the city's Nana Chiloda area. "Their Pakistani handler had stashed the weapons at this location for the accused to use in terrorist acts," Sahay said. A flag of the Islamic State was also found at the location, he said. A case has been registered under sections of the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), Indian Penal Code (IPC), and Arms Act, 1959 and the probe is on.

A first-time voter with her grandma in Aska, Odisha | SHAMIM QURESHY

60% turnout in 5th phase of polls

Baramulla polling at 59%, an all-time record

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

THE fifth phase of the Lok Sabha polls on Monday registered a 60.48% voter turnout at 11 pm, slowing closing in on the 61.82% tally for the same seats in 2019. With 49 seats across eight states and Union Territories voting, the fifth phase had the fewest seats in the seven-phase elections, which began on April 19. This phase wrapped up Lok Sabha polls in Maharashtra and Ladakh.

According to the Election Commission, Baramulla in J&K recorded a voter turnout of 59%. It is the highest-ever polling percentage in the constituency since 1984. Baramulla had witnessed a fierce three-cornered fight between National Conference Vice President Omar Abdullah, People's Conference President Sajad Gani Lone and jailed head of the Awami Ittehad Party (AIP) Sheikh Abdul Rashid alias Engineer Rashid. In 1984, Baramulla had recorded a turnout of 58.90%.

DECODE LS POLLS '24

Ladakh, too, registered a record voter turnout of 68.47% till 8 pm. This is the first major electoral battle in the region after it was carved out of J&K and granted Union territory status in 2019.

Of the 49 seats in the fifth phase, the BJP had pocketed 32 in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

The most watched would be the 14 seats in Uttar Pradesh, seven in West Bengal, and 13 in Maharashtra. All eyes are on UP's Rae Bareli and Amethi, where Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and his family loyalist K L Sharma are in the fray. Rahul was fielded in Rae Bareli after his mother Sonia Gandhi moved to the Rajya Sabha. In Amethi, Sharma is facing off against incumbent BJP MP Smriti Irani. The fifth phase is crucial for the Congress as the BJP had won 13 of the 14 seats going to polls barring Rae Bareli.

In Maharashtra, 10 seats out of 13 witnessed a pitched battle between the two factions of the Shiv Sena. Voting in five seats in Bihar, three in Jharkhand and five in Odisha were also held. West Bengal recorded a turnout of 73.14%. Key candidates include Piyush Goyal, Bharati Pawar, Rajnath Singh, and Chirag Paswan.

Three Chautalas vie for Hisar LS seat

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

HIGH drama is unfolding in Haryana's Hisar Lok Sabha constituency, where three members of the influential Chautala family are locked in a multi-cornered fight. Two are *bahus* (daughters-in-law) while the third is a *chacha-sasur* (uncle-in-law).

Indian National Lok Dal candidate Sunaina Chautala, wife of Ravi Chautala who is the son of INLD supremo Om Prakash Chautala's younger brother late Pratap Singh Chautala, is pitted against Jannayak Janta Party (JJP)'s Naina Chautala, wife of JJP chief Ajay Singh Chautala, another son of Om Prakash Chautala. And taking on both of them is BJP's Ranjit Singh Chautala, who is none other than the brother of Om Prakash Chautala.

SHOWTIME FOR GLADIATORS

While the three close relatives are fighting among themselves, the Congress has fielded three-time MP Jai Prakash as its candidate.

Although the three Chautalas have been following separate political paths, this is the first time they are contesting from the same seat.

Naina, 57, is the mother of ex-Haryana deputy CM Dushyant Chautala while Sunaina, 47, is the general secretary of INLD's women's wing.

Ranjit, 78, son of former deputy prime minister Devi Lal, is an independent MLA who joined the BJP recently.

Sunaina Chautala (left), Ranjit Singh Chautala, and Naina Chautala

ILLUSTRATION: MANDAR PARDIKAR

While the Chautala family contest has evoked much curiosity, the candidates are unfazed. "It is not a family war but a battle of principles," says Sunaina, adding: "The main issues we are focusing on are inflation, unemployment, and water crisis."

Naina, a two-time MLA, is credited with holding statewide all-women rallies to create political awareness among women. She believes her rapport with women voters will swing the result in her favour.

However, Ranjit asserts the BJP is poised to win all the 10 Lok Sabha seats in Haryana, just like last time, on the back of the Modi wave.

As for Congress' Prakash, he claims he has better connect with the people. In 1989, he had won the Hisar LS seat as a Janata Dal candidate and served as Union Minister. In 1996, he again won from Hisar on Haryana Vikas Party ticket. Later, he joined the Congress and got elected as the Hisar MP in 2004.

No one from K'taka will become PM: Siddu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday said no one from Karnataka will become Prime Minister. "At the Centre, INDIA bloc will come to power and we will discuss and decide who should be the Prime Minister based on the implementation of programmes," he said, responding to a question on I.N.D.I.A's PM candidate. The response indirectly implies that even AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge is not a PM candidate. The CM said there is no Gujarat model, but after Karnataka implemented its guarantee schemes, there is only a Karnataka model now. P4

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Bail for Revanna in sexual harassment case

Bengaluru: A special court on Monday granted bail to Holenarasipur JDS MLA HD Revanna in a sexual harassment case. The case was registered on April 28 at the Holenarasipur Town police station | P4

Hiring pvt taxi from KIA to B'luru? Be ready to pay more

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IN a move that could shoot up the fare for flyers coming to the city from the Kempegowda International Airport, a fee of Rs 150 has been introduced from Monday morning for private taxis (yellow board ones) that enter the Arrivals area to pick up passengers from the airport.

This fee is minimum and valid only up to 7 minutes. Drivers will have to pay Rs 300 for the next seven minutes. There are no charges for personal vehicles for a maximum of 7 minutes, but they too have to pay Rs 150 if this duration is exceeded (till the 14th minute). The charges have come into immediate effect at both KIA terminals. Angry and shocked private taxi operators, who operate an average of 15,000 trips to the airport daily, are planning a major protest on the airport premises on Wednesday.

The move will not impact those arriving by cab aggregator taxis like Ola or Uber as they have separate parking spaces inside the airport. However, if these taxis enter the Arrivals zone to scout for passengers, they also have to pay.

A source from Bangalore International Airport Ltd, said the charges have been announced on its website. The idea behind it is to decongest the space in both terminals which are completely taken over by cabs. P2

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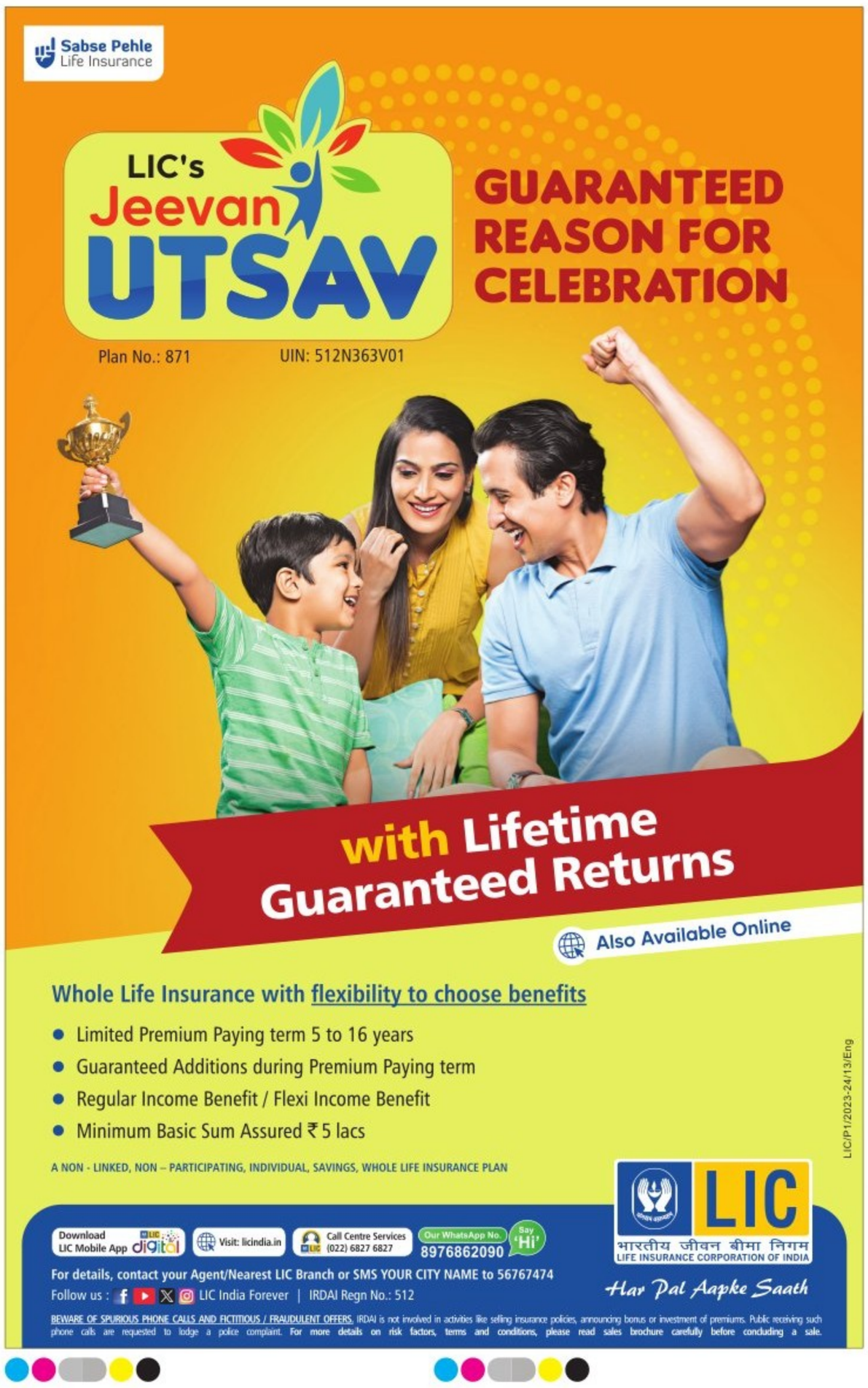
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• Gulikakala: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • Yamaganda: 09:00 am to 10:30 am

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Moonrise 04.50 pm
Moonset 04.00 am

Now, chuck those butts in special bins at smoking hotspots

AKNISREE KARTHIK
@ Bengaluru

WITH an intention to prevent environmental hazards due to the indiscriminate disposal of cigarette and beedi butts in the city, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is working to place separate bins for collection of the butts, in association with cigarette manufacturers.

BBMP, in line with National Green Tribunal (NGT) guidelines, is gearing up for scientific collection, transportation and disposal of cigarette butts in the city. BBMP's Bangalore Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) is tasked to work with cigarette manufacturers to place 'dedicated bins' for the collection of butts at smoking hotspots on a pilot basis.

Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), State Tobacco Control Cell falling under the Department of Health and Family Welfare, will also be writing to the Union Health and Family Welfare ministry to direct manufacturers of cigarettes and beedis to print disposal instructions on packets of tobacco products. The tobacco control cell will be setting up a committee comprising stakeholders, including the Directorate of Municipal Administration, to formulate the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for safe disposal of the butts. Based on BBMP's pilot project, the process will be replicated across the state, health department sources said.

The KSPCB member secretary, in a letter dated May 4 addressed to Bangalore Solid Waste Management Limited, said cigarette and beedi butts are made up of synthetic polymers called cellulose acetate, which is slow/non-biodegradable plastic. Cellulose acetate is made by esterifying/bleaching cotton or wood pulp with acetic acid.

He added that there is a need for scientific and safe disposal of the butts, and it should be tackled by tobacco product manufacturers through end-of-life methods such as waste-to-energy or co-processing.

BBMP sources said that based on the KSPCB member secretary's letter, the Chief General Manager of BSWML on May 9 wrote a letter to ITC Limited, the market leader in cigarette manufacturing, to furnish the compliance report of the pilot project with BBMP, to avoid action by exercising powers conferred under Section 285 of the BBMP Act 2020 and its various provisions, SWM by-laws 2020, hazardous waste (management and handling) rules 2016 and other provisions.

UN CLIMATE CHANGE WORKSHOP APPRECIATES BWSSB FOR CRISIS MGMT

Bengaluru: The BWSSB on Monday received accolades from the United Nations Climate Change Global Innovation workshop for effectively adopting to sustainable water management procedures bringing these procedures to effective usage. BWSSB Chairman Dr V Ram Prasath Manohar in the 5th Systemic innovation workshop explained the challenges during the water crisis, and how the Board tackled the situation. He said, "Bengaluru city is roughly about 800 square kilometers with close to 1.40 crore people. About 60 per cent depend on Cauvery water, and 40 per cent depend on groundwater. Due to the lack of monsoon last year, the groundwater table reduced. As a result, dependency on Cauvery water increased. However, BWSSB efficiently tackled this crisis by adopting innovative technology and sustainable practices."

KG HALLI RESIDENTS PROTEST AGAINST IRREGULAR WATER SUPPLY

Residents of KG Halli and Vinoba Nagar held protests in their area, to bring local MLA KJ George's attention towards the irregular water supply in the area. Residents of the area are facing the problem of irregular water supply for over a year now, and demanded KJ George to direct officials to fix the issue at the earliest. Residents said that despite the issue being discussed with the MLA in the past, nothing has been resolved, and that is why they had to take to the streets. According to Munnawar Ali Khan, a social activist from KG Halli ward, the irregularity is mainly the result of officials allegedly releasing water in only those areas where their palms are greased. "In a week the water is supplied to 42 booths with over 25,000 residents, and half of them face water issues," said Khan. However, BWSSB top officials claim that there is no problem is the supply of water, as strict measures are in place to check such discrepancies, since March.

OVER 5K NEW POTHOLES IN CITY, BBMP READY WITH COLD MIX

Zonal engineers will fill about 500 to 800 craters in their zones in 4-5 days: Girinath

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There are over 5,500 new potholes in BBMP's eight zones. Arterial and sub-arterial roads have 670 potholes and 66 bad patches, and BBMP has already arranged for 5,000 bags of cold mix to fix the potholes, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath said, after an inspection of Yelahanka zone where villas were flooded due to heavy rain on Sunday.

Zonal commissioners hired contractors in their respective limits to fill potholes and work is going on. "The India Meteorological Department (IMD) predicts rain for the next few days. Zonal engineers will fill about 500 to 800 potholes in their respective zones in four to five days," said Girinath.

He also informed that there are 74 vulnerable places, and 47 places are likely to be severely impacted during rain. "We have already made temporary arrangements. Rajakaluve development work worth Rs 2,000 crore began in January 2023. Once it is completed, there will be no problems," he said.

The commissioner also spoke about the flood-impacted Northwood Villas and Ramanashree Gardenia Layout in Yelahanka Zone. He said the sewer line has not been covered under BBMP's 110 village component, and just over a year ago, there was no flooding as water coming from drains used to enter open areas. Now that structures have come up, the area floods. BBMP was constructing a storm water drain link but the project was delayed as the forest department denied permission to take the sewer line inside Puttenahalli Lake.

"The forest department, Additional Chief Secretary Manjunath Prasad and others also inspected the flood-impacted areas. BBMP will install a 520-metre long 1,600mm pipeline next to Puttenahalli lake and connect the Raja canal to ensure there is no further flooding during rain. Till then, excess water will be cleared using pumpsets," he said.

Potholes on Race Course Road pose danger for motorists during the monsoon season | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

'Developers have failed to design layouts properly'

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A day after the flash floods in the gated community villas in Yelahanka zone, Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar visited the spot to assess the situation. They said that the officials have been instructed to issue notices to developers of private layouts who do not provide proper infrastructure.

After inspecting the Rajakaluves in the city, Deputy Chief Minister said, "In private layouts, water seeps into houses due to lack of proper drainage system. Problems arises when the rainwater gets mixed with the sewage water. The developers are at fault here, for not making proper arrangements while designing the layout. People are suffering due to the lack of proper arrangements for rainwater to flow. Developers have not done their duty properly, even after taking money from the people. Civic body officials will be asked to rectify the inconvenience caused by the developers," said Shivakumar.

Deputy CM DK Shivakumar and BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath visit Northwood villas on Monday, after the recent flood in Bengaluru | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

After a meeting with the residents of flood-impacted Ramanashree Gardenia and Northwood villas, Shivakumar said, "Permission has been obtained to take up the unfinished canal work forward. Separate arrangements will be made for the flow of rainwater and sewage water, and the work will be undertaken as soon as possible." Areas that are impacted by the rain every year, will be identified, and their development will be taken up, step by step, he added.

When asked about the Rajkaluve encroachment, he said, "Action will be taken against those who have encroached private layouts." He also said that notice will issued to those who do not install STPs.

After inspection of the royal canal passing through the Jawahar Lal Nehru Centre for Modern Science Research (JNCSAR) adjacent to Rachenahalli Lake, Shivakumar said that the work will be completed within the next month. "If it rains again, all preparations have been made to prevent the flood situation."

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ICAI to host startup sphere in B'luru next month

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) is hosting the StartUP Sphere 2024 at ICAI Bhawan, between 27-29th June. The three-day event will cover a wide range of subjects pertaining to the start-up scene in India's Silicon Valley. It also seeks to bring together a vibrant startup community, partners, unicorns, leading influencers, founders, investors, leaders, and entrepreneurs. Sessions on topics such as government assistance for new businesses, alternative finance options like debt and revenue financing, new avenues in startups, art and science of startup valuation, term sheets, shareholders agreements, legal documents, and key clauses will also be discussed in the event.

4kg fibroid removed from uterus of 42-yr-old

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@ Bengaluru

THROUGH a five-hour-long laparoscopic surgery, doctors at Aster RV Hospital removed a 4.005 kg fibroid from the uterus of a 42-year-old patient who had not exhibited any noticeable symptoms or undergone any previous treatment or surgery before.

A routine scan revealed that the patient had fibroids equivalent in size to a 32 to 34-week gravid uterus. She was counselled about the potential drawbacks, disadvantages, and health-related complications associated with having fibroids of this size.

"Given the size of the fibroid and uterus occupying the abdomen, performing laparoscopy in the uterine region is particularly challenging, due to the limited space for instrument movement," explained Dr Sunil Eshwar, the patient's lead consultant and a laparoscopic surgeon at Aster RV Hospital.

Locating the usual blood vessels, identifying, and successfully controlling the blood vessels supplying blood to the uterus was a task in itself, he added. Fibroids are found in 20 to 30 per cent of women in their reproductive age. However, the occurrence of such a large fibroid in the uterus is extremely rare and unheard of, said Dr Eshwar. While routine procedures typically take around 1.5 hours, this operation required over two hours to remove approximately 150 fibroids, with the largest measuring 12 cm, Dr Eshwar said.

'Charge high, burden will be passed on to consumer'

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THE BIAL source told TNIE, "This initiative of the Pay & Use Zone at the KIA Arrival area will ensure smooth flow of traffic. Enhanced security will ensure that there will be no haphazard parking of vehicles. It will also prevent illegal parking and take care of unattended vehicles being left in the vicinity of the Arrival zones in Terminals 1 and 2."

Earlier, it was common to see cab drivers hawking for customers, just like auto drivers do at railway stations.

NV Sridhar, president of Jai Karnataka Taxi Drivers Association, said a private taxi driver on Monday had to pay Rs 300 for waiting for 10 minutes. "The charge is high and, obviously, the burden will be passed on to the consumer. It will make their trips costly," he told TNIE.

Another cab driver Naveen said, "Since morning, I have heard many upset and angry taxi drivers complaining about this move. This is shocking and we have never paid such a fee before."

The other charges already in existence remain the same: entry fee for bus -- Rs 600, for tempo traveller – Rs 300 and penalty for loss of ticket Rs 600.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

21st May : To continue yesterday's discussion, does anyone have any theories about how astrology works? Some astronomers think it's all due to the way electro-magnetic fields are affected by the Sun during birth and the first weeks of life. It's a fascinating idea, one which may become clearer as we discover more about the Sun's energy.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
There is nothing wrong with being an egotist, although if you do put your own interests first, you can't complain if some people are offended. On the other hand, there are those who find your self-centred ways highly attractive. And now there's a third group, who are determined to cut you down to size, so why not meet them half-way?

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Secret assignations are high on the agenda, and this by no means suggests that you are out to deceive anybody. It may be perfectly reasonable, not to say necessary, to keep certain plans under wraps for now. But, then, you're used to waiting until the time is right.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You are moving through a profoundly sociable phase. You must put yourself about as much as possible and may turn down invitations, even unlikely ones, at your peril. It is not possible to say which of your current contacts will be useful in the future. Wait and see!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Please do not be troubled by secret fears. You're such a warrior but such imagined worries are the symptoms of half-understood stirrings in your mind. The purpose seems to be to urge you to get on and get to grips with lingering questions, and all will be revealed before long, perhaps within a month.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
If professional plans are underway please do not worry if movement appears to be slow. Analysis of your solar chart reveals that time is on your side and that there are further developments to come. In particular, a partner is due for a change of heart.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You do not like messy situations so, if the unexpected happens, please try to bring about a solution as speedily as you can. On the other hand, do not expect all your hopes to be immediately fulfilled. After all, it is difficult to achieve your goals when you're still not sure what you want!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Travel plans will offer a useful distraction from more weighty issues, such as legal questions, or problems you or a relative might be facing concerning higher education. The indications are broadly positive and, the higher you set your sights, the more you are likely to achieve.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Whatever is happening on a daily basis, please keep a close watch on long-term financial complications. While the present time may offer immense profits, you must leave nothing to chance - or, at any rate, as little as possible. The trouble is that you can't be exactly sure what is happening. All will be revealed in its own good time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
It is just not possible to say for certain whether the outcome of present financial deals will be to your advantage, which is why advice that you are free to go ahead must be tempered with a thoroughly sensible dose of caution. And, socially, you'll be fascinated by people from very different backgrounds from yours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
From now onwards you should keep family firmly in the loop. It just will not do to take decisions by yourself and expect others to meekly fall into line. On the other hand, once you have explained your ideas properly, they are sure to be welcomed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
As this is a restless phase, please feel free to make a break in your routine, and don't allow colleagues or associates to hem you in. Professional tensions appear to have died down for now, although, if I could give you any advice, it would be to stand up for your rights - but recognise your responsibilities.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
It's time to consider your financial situation once again. On present form, it looks extremely likely that you'll strike a deal which will prove to be highly profitable. It's an excellent time to seek out bargains. What's more, a similar planetary picture continues through next week.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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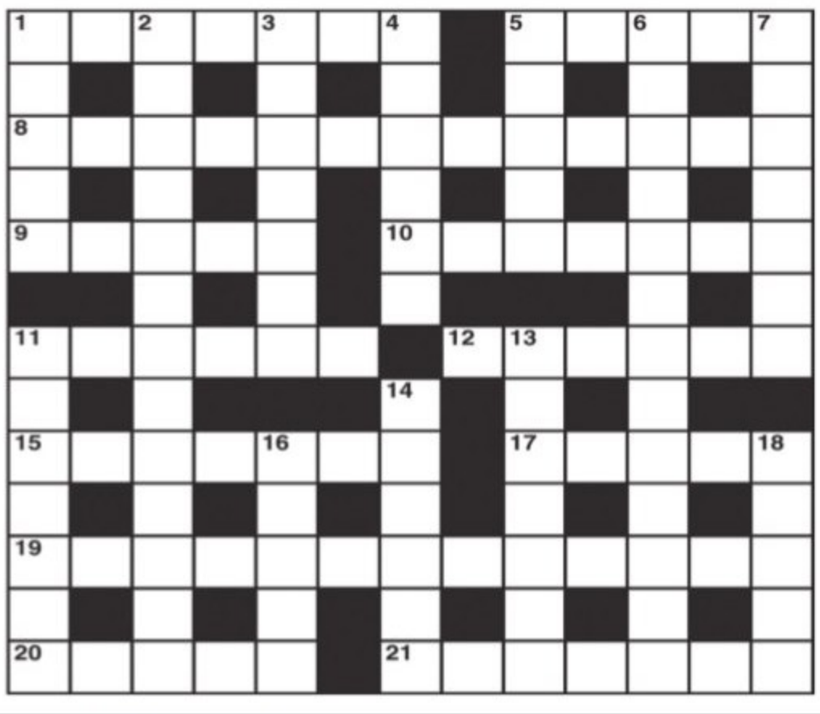

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Train to speak fast (7)
5 Went on a horse to the ring for the show (5)
8 Look up a bill and make good use of it (4,2,7)
9 Vine appears to be turned round a nail (5)
10 Musician whose actions could be deceptive (7)
11 Girl in the archery lesson (6)
12 The artist's sitting room (6)
15 What the volunteer said when wrongly arrested? (3,2,2)
17 Jack is a rogue (5)
19 Harpoon sights used in marksmanship (13)
20 Such people want a lot (5)
21 He leaves his country to be protected by another (7)

DOWN
1 Praise for former duty it's said (5)
2 We prevent a man giving lasting hair treatment (9,4)
3 Currency issue on the coast (7)
4 Supports the employees (6)
5 Took speedy steps against opposition (5)
6 Cheating by giving two cards instead of one (6-7)
7 Oration composed in Canada (7)
11 Visits and enlists someone's help (5,2)
13 Send up - from the runway (4,3)
14 Such food is purely prepared for Jews (6)
16 Having no occupation (5)
18 High-flier gets a good score on the course (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Radar, 8 Maritime, 9 Stick, 10 Question, 11 Glory, 12 Fit, 16 Tsetse, 17 Harrow, 18 Dry, 23 Twist, 24 Apparent, 25 Harry, 26 Discover, 27 Skies.

Down: 2 Art class, 3 Accurate, 4 Saluki, 5 Tipsy, 6 Dig in, 7 Peony, 12 Fed, 13 Thy, 14 Drawback, 15 Conserve, 19 Render, 20 Yards, 21 Spasm, 22 Crook.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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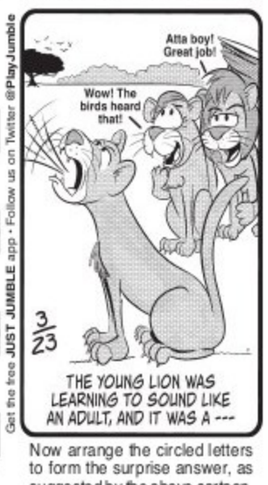
Atta boy! Great job!
Wow! The birds heard that!
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THE YOUNG LION WAS LEARNING TO SOUND LIKE AN ADULT, AND IT WAS A ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: INEPT SASSY WIDGET URCHIN
Answer: When their dark matter experiment failed, the researchers were — "SIGH-ENTISTS"

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A three-member team from the aviation regulator, Directorate General of Civil Aviation, on Monday began its probe into the fire incident involving an Air India Express flight from Bengaluru to Kochi. An airport source said the team examined the aircraft, particularly its engine, parked in the airside at KIA as of now

Fun turns tragic: B'luru nurse dies in zipline accident at resort

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

AN adventurous day out for around 18 hospital staff members, who had taken a break from their busy work schedule, turned tragic when a nurse from the group died after the harness of the zipline ride she was taking snapped. The incident happened in Harohalli taluk of Ramanagara district around 11 am on Sunday.

The police said Ranjini N, 35, along with her 17 colleagues, had visited the Jungle Trailz Resort and Homestays at Bettahalli village near Harohalli of Kanakapura taluk for a recreational day out early in the morning.

Ranjini and others opted for the resort with multiple adventure activities, including longest and highest zipline and water zipline, the police said. After breakfast, all of them participated in different activities. One of which was the 100-metre-long inclining cable which resulted in fatal consequences for Ranjini. When she crossed the halfway, the cable snapped and she hit the ground with full force.

She was rushed to Dayanand Sagar Hospital in Harohalli by her colleagues, where doctors declared her brought dead due to internal injuries, extreme shock and severe bleeding, the police added.

Ranjini, a resident of Attibele, was working as a nurse at a private hospital in JP Nagar, Bengaluru. She is survived by her husband, Narendra and two young children.

The jurisdictional Harohalli police took stock of the situation and arrested the resort owner Puttamadu and manager Srikanth, besides booking workers under IPC Sections 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) and 337 (causing hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others).

Ranjini was not even given helmet: Complaint

The arrest followed a complaint filed by Nirmala, Ranjini's colleague. In her complaint, Nirmala alleged that there were no basic safety measures in place and even the helmet, a basic requirement for such adventure activities, was not provided. Moreover, there was no medical help at the resort in terms of first-aid, the complaint stated. Nirmala also mentioned that two-three other visitors from different groups also suffered injuries while participating in different activities due to lack of basic accessories at the resort.

She and 17 others from a pvt hospital were on a recreational trip in city outskirts

A licensing system for resorts offering adventure sports, coupled with mandatory certification for operators and staff, should be introduced. Regular safety inspections of resorts and adventure sports facilities are necessary to ensure compliance with these regulations

— Adventure buff

Regulate adventure sports strictly: Experts

RISHITA KHANNA @Bengaluru

IN the wake of a 35-year-old nurse falling to her death while ziplining in Ramanagara on Sunday, experts have voiced concerns about safety oversight at resorts and urged the state government to regulate adventure sports strictly by emphasising the importance of regular safety inspections.

An adventure buff noted that developing and enforcing specific regulations for such activities, including safety standards, equipment requirements and staff training, is crucial. "A licensing system for resorts offering adventure sports, coupled with mandatory certification for operators and staff, should be introduced. Regular safety inspections of resorts and adventure sports facilities are necessary to ensure compliance with these regulations."

He also suggested that the tourism department should implement a licensing system that certifies only professional firms to conduct adventure activities.

Explaining the risks, Dr Anantha Padmanabha, Senior Consultant in Internal Medicine at Fortis Hospital, said ziplining incidents often stem from equipment failure, user error during braking, or collisions with stationary objects on the line, causing cuts, scrapes and dislocations. Beyond physical injuries, there is a psychological aspect - the abrupt stop after a high-speed descent can induce a stress response akin to shock, leading to symptoms like dizziness, nausea and breathing difficulties, potentially increasing the risk of falling, Dr Padmanabha added.

Speaking to TNIE, a senior police officer highlighted that activities such as ziplining, bungee jumping and stand-up paddling are promoted more at places like resorts and during summer camps to attract more customers. But there is insufficient information about these activities, including equipment requirements, weight limits, proper positioning during execution and lack of regulatory oversight. "The tourism department should assess such places and audit the adventure equipment periodically to ensure that they are maintained well."

During these activities, especially for first-time participants, the tendency to support themselves by shifting their bodyweight to one side out of fear can lead to major injuries, which could be fatal, he added.

The senior official questioned the lack of cable maintenance which claimed the life of the nurse in the recent incident, and said government regulation is crucial to ensure that these activities are supervised by trained professionals who can provide proper guidance.

Kavitha Reddy, a mountaineer, took to X following the incident, posting: "For many years we from Adventure Community in Karnataka has been suggesting @KarnatakaWorld (Karnataka Tourism official page) to set up an Expert Committee to assess and give feasibility report before the permission is given to organizations/resorts/clubs to conduct adventure activities. If Adventure activities have to be safer focus has to be on Quality, Training, SOP. Looking forward to make a request to Hon Minister @HKPatilINC (HK Patil - Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs, Legislation and Tourism)in this regard and make Adventure activities in Karnataka safer (sic)."

CCB busts rave party, nabs five

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SLEUTHS of the Anti-Narcotics Wing of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) raided a farmhouse where a rave party was being held, in Electronic City early on Monday morning. Several Telugu TV serial actresses and models were said to be in attendance at the party.

The police seized narcotic substances and also found the vehicle pass of an YSRC MLA. Five persons, including drug peddlers, have been arrested.

The police identified the accused as Vasu, who had organised the party as part of his birthday celebration, Arun, Nagababu, Ranbir and Siddiqui.

The rave was organised at GR farmhouse, owned by one Gopala Reddy. The event was billed as 'Sunset to Sunrise Victory', starting at 5 pm on Sunday and continuing until 6 am on Monday.

The CCB police said the raid was conducted around 3 am on Monday following credible tip-off that a Hyderabad-based man was throwing a rave party. A disc-jockey was also performing at the party.

On raiding the farmhouse, the police seized 15 gram of MDMA crystals, 6 gram of cocaine and 6 grams of hydro ganja. As there is suspicion that several people who attended the party had consumed drugs, the attendees have been subjected to medical tests.

Meanwhile, the police also found a vehicle pass allegedly belonging to YSR Congress MLA from Sarvepalli constituency, Kakani Govardhana Reddy, on the windshield of a Mercedes-Benz car parked at the venue. The police suspect that someone close to the MLA attended the party and are probing into this.

Speaking to reporters, Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) Chandragupta said, "A sniffer dog squad and crime officers gathered evidence while medical examination of all the attendees was conducted."

As there were rumours that actor Srikanth and actress Hema had also attended the party, both released videos clarifying that they had no connection to the party.

A case has been registered at the Electronics City police station under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic substances (NDPS) Act and other sections of the IPC.

CITY'S GALAXEYE FIRST PVT FIRM TO FLY SAR TECH ON HAPS UAV

PURAN CHOUDHARY @Bengaluru

GALAXEYE, a Bengaluru-based space-tech startup developing the world's first private multi-sensor earth observation satellite, has also become the first company to successfully test its Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) technology on a subscale High Altitude Pseudo-Satellite (HAPS), an UAV developed by the National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL). The demonstration was conducted on May 10 at the Aeronautical Test Range (ATR) near Chitradurga, facilitated by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), marking a significant development in the realm of aerospace innovation.

"We are seeing that the HAPS platform is becoming very popular these days, although it's technically very difficult to achieve and hence not aggressively done in the past. Once this platform becomes commercialised it will be better optimised than putting a satellite in orbit. This is a cost-effective surveillance solution and also stays above our heads for 20 hours to seven days unlike the limited power of drones," said Suyash Singh, co-founder and CEO of GalaxEye, in a conversation with TNIE. Weighing about 5 kg, the mounted SAR on HAPS achieved an altitude of 3.5 km with stability for 2.5 hours and was continuously monitored.

The GalaxEye team with the mounted SAR on HAPS at Aeronautical Test Range

HAPS can be considered a middle ground for drones and satellites, they operate in the stratosphere, offering unprecedented capabilities for prolonged aerial surveillance. Leveraging solar energy and advanced battery systems, these platforms can stay aloft for extended periods. At the stratosphere SAR emerges as a pivotal technology for all-weather, all-time imaging hence overcoming the challenge of cloud cover, which delays the traditional electro-optical cameras.

However, the IIM-Madras incubated startup seemed positive about India taking the forefront of SAR innovation and fostering technological self-reliance, aiming to redefine global standards. Singh highlighted that SAR holds immense potential for environmental monitoring and disaster management.

An NAL spokesperson said, "SAR technology is vital for HAPS, and GalaxEye's drone-based SAR capabilities show promise for integrating such systems into HAPS. While the initial tests are encouraging, a series of further tests will be necessary before these platforms can be deployed for practical applications."

Anjali murder case will be handed over to CID: Dr G

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Hubballi

HOME Minister G Parameshwara said on Monday that the Anjali Ambiger murder case probe will be handed over to the Crime Investigation Department (CID) and the state government will issue an order in this regard by Tuesday. The minister also denied that there was any attempt on the part of the government to protect any errant police officers in the case.

Speaking to the media here, Parameshwara said the state government has considered the Neha Hiremath and Anjali murder cases seriously, but ruled out a CBI probe in these cases as was being demanded by the opposition BJP.

Defending the decision to hand over the probe to the CID, the minister said, these cases have made headlines because of their circumstances. Moreover, the cases have been transferred to the special police so that there is no sense of bias in investigation among the general public and also to discourage any undue interference by the local police, he said.

In the wake of the sacking of DCP P Rajeev, the home minister dismissed allegations that police officers belonging to a particular community are being targeted. On the help sought by Anjali's kin, the minister said, they have demanded a house, a government job for a family member and some financial assistance. Since the poll code is in force, a decision in this regard cannot be taken immediately. He will take up the issue with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and arrive at some decision, he stated.

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I, the undersigned **Manjula Jambana Goudar** W/o Sri. Shivakumar Gouda.J, residing at No.64, MIG-B, Block-22, 249-S, 4th Cross, .5th Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru-560 064,do hereby issue public notice that my date of birth is 22.05.1966. Prior to my marriage my name was **Manjula** D/o Palaxappa and my said name is reflected in my school records and in some records my name is shown as **Manjula Palaxappa Ballary.** After my marriage my name is **Manjula Jambana Goudar.** I issue this notice to declare that all the three names, **Manjula D/o Palaxappa Ballary, Manjula Palaxappa Ballary,** and **Manjula Jambana Goudar** is my name. However, from today I renounced my old name and herein onwards deal as **Manjula Jambana Goudar** as reflected in my Aadhar card, vide affidavit dated 17-5-2024, sworn before Notary **P.N. NAGESHA** at Bangalore.

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Name & address of Borrower/s Guarantor/s/Mortagagor (s)	detailed description of the immovable properties with known encumbrances, if any	1) Branch Name 2) Account Number 3) Total Dues.	1) Date & Time of E-auction	Reserve Price, EMD amount, Bid Increase Amount Last Date of Receipt of Emd	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection date & Time
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Storekeeper	06	-	-	01	-	01
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Prof Ravivarma Kumar is SPP

The State Government has issued a notification appointing senior advocate Prof Ravivarma Kumar to appear before the HC on behalf of the state in cases that have arisen and will be arising out of crimes related to the alleged sex scandal registered by the Holenarasipura Town and KR Nagar police stations and CID

Yathindra, CT Ravi frontrunners in polls to MLC posts from Assembly

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
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AS elections to 11 seats of the Legislative Council from the Legislative Assembly have been declared, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's son Dr Yathindra from Congress and senior leader CT Ravi from BJP have emerged as frontrunners.

With its 136 MLAs, Congress can win seven seats, BJP three with 66 MLAs and JDS one seat as it has 19 MLAs.

Yathindra sacrificed his Varuna Assembly seat, which he held between 2018 and 2023, to his father Siddaramaiah in the 2023 Assembly polls, AICC General Secretary K C Venugopal had promised him an MLC seat, sources said.

Minor Irrigation Minister NS Boseraju's renomination is most likely as is CM's political secretary K Govindaraju's. KP Nanjundi and Sangana Karadi, who had quit BJP to join Congress just before the Lok Sabha polls, are also pitching for the seats as the Congress leadership had made them a promise, a source said.

Among those lobbying hard for the remaining seats are leaders VS Sudarshan, KPCC chief spokesperson AN Nataraj Gowda, Ivan D'Souza, former Bengaluru mayor Gangabhika Mallikarjun, Ishwarya Mahadev,

Issue of notification: **May 27**
Last date for nomination: **June 3**
Date of poll and counting: **June 13**

Kavitha Reddy and Kamalakshi Rajanna from women's quota, MC Venugopal, BL Shankar, VS Ugrappa, DT Venkatesh, All-India Youth Congress president BV Srinivas, Dr CS Dwarakanath, BM Sandeep, Srivatsa and SA Hussain from minority quota. Some leaders, including HM Revanna -- who has been appointed chairman of the committee to implement the five guarantees, Arati Krishna and Raghunandan Ramanna, who have been appointed to boards and corporations, are out of the race, observed a leader.

From BJP, Ravi's nomination is almost certain as the party wants to make use of his expertise in the Upper House, a source said. N Ravikumar and Muniraju Gowda PM, a staunch supporter of BJP National General Secretary (organisation) BL Santhosh, also expect renomination.

But former chief minister BS Yediyurappa has promised former minister JC Madhu Swamy an MLC post with the aim to make him the leader of opposition in the House.

But some within the party have opposed his selection as they feel he is not a staunch party loyalist, a source said. "We've enough good orators in the party, but we need those who contribute to the party organisation in the future," a BJP leader opined.

Names of BJP disciplinary committee chairman Lingaraj Patil and former MLC Ashwath Narayanagowda too are floating within BJP.

JDS is likely to nominate Kupendra Reddy. But incumbent MLC BM Farooq is expecting renomination, while Yeshwanthpur Assembly constituency defeated candidate Javarayi Gowda is also keen.

CM: By raising taxes, curbing graft, we're funding guarantees

Won't discontinue schemes, reiterates Siddu

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KARNATAKA Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who completed one year in office on May 20, reiterated that his government will not discontinue the five guarantees after the ongoing Lok Sabha elections. Speaking at 'Meet the Press' organised by the Press Club of Bengaluru, the CM said that the State Government was also taking up several development schemes.

Siddaramaiah said that by increasing taxes, taking loans as per law, and reducing corruption, his government was able to manage finances for the guarantees. He was replying to the allegations made by several BJP leaders that the Congress government would discontinue the guarantees after the Lok Sabha elections. "The Opposition members are spreading lies. We have also not sought any financial aid for the guarantees from the Centre," the CM added.

On corruption, Siddaramaiah said that after his government came to power, two commissions were constituted to probe the 40% commission allegations and alleged irregularities during the Covid-19 pandemic. "I can't say corruption has stopped. It is a disease in our society . But we have made an attempt to control corruption," the CM said.

Siddaramaiah also slammed PM Narendra Modi for saying that the Karnataka government was removing reservations meant for the Other Backward Classes and giving them to minorities. "In Karnataka, since 1994, 4% reservation has been given to minorities, and during the Bommai government, they tried to remove it and give 2% each to Vokkaligas and Lingayats. We have not removed reservations for OBC," Siddaramaiah elaborated.

On the caste census, the CM said that there was severe opposition from several quarters not to accept the recommendations, but still his government went ahead. "If we don't take up the caste census, how will we know the socio-economic status of people? We got independence more than 76 years ago, and many things have changed. We need to know. That is why we need caste census," he said. The CM also pointed out that the Modi government has implemented a 10% reservation for the EWS category. "Which community in India is now out of reservation? There is no meaning in people protesting against reservation," he said, adding that his government has given work to over 1 crore contractors belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. "The SCSP/TSP Act was implemented by our government. Show me which BJP-ruled government has implemented such an act," he said. He said the caste census report would be placed before the Cabinet. On the law and order in Karnataka, he said a special court has been set up for the speedy investigation into the Neha Hiremath murder case. "If we go through the data on the number of murders in 2021 and 2022, it has now decreased. But this is not any sort of justification. We have issued strict instructions to the authorities to prevent crime. In Anjali Ambiger's case, officials have been suspended for dereliction of duty, and action has been taken," he said.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah arrives to address the media in Bengaluru on Monday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

NO PLAN FOR CABINET RESHUFFLE NOW: SIDDU

CM Siddaramaiah said Congress will win 15-20 Lok Sabha seats out of 28 in Karnataka. "I cannot lie like the BJP-JDS alliance, who are stressing that they will win all 28 seats" he said. Asked about the likely reshuffle in the cabinet, Siddaramaiah said there is no such thought now. "Ours is a high command party, we will oblige them," he said. Speaking on his tenure as CM for the last one year, he said he is satisfied as CM, so is his party. Responding to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's accusation that Congress has formed an alliance with small parties, he said even after being in power for ten years and Modi being PM for a decade, they do not have the confidence to contest as one party. "They too have joined hands with many regional and smaller parties, like they have done with JDS in Karnataka. If the party is so confident, they would have contested alone," he added.

DKS, SHIVARAME PLOTTED TO DESTROY GOWDA: HDK

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FORMER CM HD Kumaraswamy on Monday alleged that the Congress government has been misusing IPC Section 376 (rape charge) against those who are saying the truth about the pen drives containing sleazy videos, allegedly of Hassan JDS MP Prajwal Revanna.

He told reporters that the government had booked BJP leader and lawyer G Devaraje Gowda under IPC Section 376 in an old case, for releasing the audio of a conspiracy on circulating the pen drives.

"Are you going to destroy the whole family because of someone's mistake? Is this justice? Dear Siddaramaiah, you grew up eating food from my mother's hand when you were in our party. Do you know the pain of that mother? If you are honest, look into investigation of this case," he suggested to the chief minister.

He questioned why action was not yet taken against Prajwal's driver Karthik, who allegedly played a key role in the circulation of the pen drive. "Arrest and hang those who shot the videos, but why target the Deve Gowda family? There should be a probe into circulation of the pen drive that has affected the women victims," he urged.

He also urged Karnataka Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara to immediately register a case against DyCM DK Shivakumar and former MP LS Shivarame Gowda for allegedly hatching a plot to politically destroy Deve Gowda's family. "In the conversation, one of them asks why Deve Gowda hasn't committed suicide yet. Everything is revealed in the conversation between Shivakumar, Shivarame Gowda and Devaraje Gowda," he said.

Kumaraswamy claimed that he met Shivakumar in Tihar Jail, and also his mother, but the DyCM has showed little courtesy. "After the audio release, Shivakumar is missing. He should have given instructions to act when he got the pen drive, but he made it an election commodity," he said.

He also alleged that Karnataka DG&IGP Alok Mohan was settling scores with the Gowda family through the alleged sex scandal. "When I was CM for 14 months, I did not make him Bengaluru City police commissioner, so he is avenging us," he alleged. The women in the videos were summoned to the DGP's office in Bengaluru from Holenarasipura, and their complaints were typed here against Revanna and Devaraje Gowda under Section 376, he alleged.

Ex-CM HD Kumaraswamy addresses the media in Bengaluru on Monday

MISCREANTS THROW EGGS AT SHIVARAME'S HOUSE

Five unidentified persons threw eggs at former MP LR Shivarame Gowda's residence in Banagiri Nagar in Bengaluru on Sunday night. The incident follows the release of an audio clip, in which the former MP purportedly spoke disrespectfully of HD Deve Gowda and HD Kumaraswamy. CK Achukattu police have registered a case.

Zero achievement by Cong govt in one year: BJP

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AS Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's government completed one year in office on Monday, the opposition BJP said the government's achievement is zero.

BJP state president BY Vijayendra said the government had failed on all fronts, including providing relief to farmers suffering due to drought, maintaining law and order, it had increased power tariff and stamp duty rates, and taken a confrontational approach towards the Centre.

"This government's achievement in one year is zero. Development works in the state have come to a standstill. The CM and ministers have not started any new work, and are projecting implementation of guarantees itself as a big development," the BJP leader said.

The State government failed to handle the drought situation properly, and farmers never felt there was an elected government in the state, he said. Over 692 farmers died by suicide, as the government is anti-farmer, he said.

In the past eight to nine months, the crime rate in Karnataka has gone up considerably, Vijayendra said, citing the recent murders in Hubballi, Kodagu and attack on BJP workers in Kalaburagi. He also slammed the State government for releasing Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu.

Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka urged the Governor to dismiss the government that had failed on all fronts. There is no safety for women in the state and Home Minister G Parameshwara himself admitted there were police lapses in Anjali Ambiger's murder in Hubballi, he said. "I don't know who is in charge of the Home department," he added.

Accusing the government of minority appeasement, Ashoka said pro-Pakistan slogans were raised in Vidhana Soudha corridors, a shopkeeper playing Hanuman Chalisa was assaulted and some people from a minority community assaulted a police official inside a police station.

"This government has failed to even take off. Development in one year is zero. Not a single irrigation, drinking water or road project has been taken up. There is no money to even repair school buildings," he said. "The financial position is so bad that the government is on ventilator."

(From left) BJP leaders R Ashoka, BY Vijayendra, and Ashwathanarayan address the media in Bengaluru on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

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> BY Vijayendra, BJP Karnataka president

Revanna gets bail in sexual harassment case

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IN a big relief to Holenarasipura JDS MLA HD Revanna, who is facing allegations of sexual harassment, the special court to deal with cases against elected representatives, granted him bail on Monday.

The bail plea was heard by the 42nd Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) court and Judge Preeth J, who had reserved the order on the bail petition, granted bail to Revanna. The bail conditions include a personal bond for Rs 5 lakh and a surety of a like sum.

Additional Special Public Prosecutors Jayna Kothari and Ashok Naik appeared for the prosecution, while CV Nagesh argued on behalf of Revanna.

On April 28, a case was registered at the Holenarasipura Town police station against Revanna and his son and MP Prajwal Revanna on charges of sexual harassment (IPC 354A), stalking (IPC 354D), criminal intimidation (IPC 506) and insult to modesty of woman (IPC 508) for allegedly sexually assaulting a 47-year-old woman. The woman has accused both Revanna and Prajwal of harassing her for over three years from 2019.

The special court had granted Revanna conditional bail in the kidnapping case registered by the KR Nagar police.

Revanna was arrested on May 5 in connection with the kidnap and was released on bail on May 12.

Return home, face inquiry: HDK to nephew Prajwal

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STATE JDS president and former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy has appealed to his nephew and Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna to return to the country immediately and cooperate with the investigation into the alleged sex scandal involving him.

"The State Government doesn't seem to have the power to summon Prajwal, which is why I am only asking him, through the media, to return," Kumaraswamy said.

The former CM said that he is requesting Prajwal, on behalf of his father and former PM HD Deve Gowda, with "folded hands" to set a deadline for himself like 24 hours or 48 hours to return immediately.

NOTHING TO DO WITH PEN DRIVE CASE: DKS

DyCM DK Shivakumar said he has nothing to do with the pen drive case. On Kumarswamy's allegation of his hand in the release of the pen drive, the DyCM said, "I have nothing to do with the case. Law will take its course." Asked about release of audio of his alleged telephonic conversation with BJP leader Devaraje Gowda and former MP Shivarame Gowda, he said, "I have not spoken anything with anyone that is not supposed to be spoken. I am a politician and a lot of people from across party lines come to meet me. They also had asked for time, but I had not given any time. I have not spoken to them even for a minute. I too have political awareness and seriousness of the issue." He dismissed allegations of phone tapping saying Kumaraswamy and Revanna were not "terrorists" to warrant such action. They are casting these allegations for publicity, he said.

'GOWDA WAS READY TO RESIGN'

State Janata Dal (Secular) president and former CM Kumaraswamy claimed that Deve Gowda, who was upset by Prajwal's case, was ready to resign from the Rajya Sabha. "He was deeply hurt by this incident, which scarred his spotless political career of 60 years. He was in tears, asking how he should go and sit in the Rajya Sabha. But I convinced him not to resign," Kumaraswamy stated.

A lifeline for many, Kabini Dam forgotten on its golden jubilee

KARTHIK KK @Mysuru

MAY 20 marked a significant milestone in the history of Karnataka's agriculture landscape. It was the 50th anniversary of Kabini Dam's construction and operation.

However, what should have been a day of celebration has turned into a moment of disappointment for the local community as the authorities have neglected this historic occasion, failing to organise any commemorative events or functions.

Though the work on constructing the dam commenced in 1959, it was completed in 1974, and on May 20, 1974, the Kabini dam began its vital role in transforming the agricultural landscape of the region as water was released into the Kabini left bank canal for the first time, bringing immense relief and joy to farmers.

Instead of festive celebrations marking the dam's golden jubilee, there is a palpable sense of anger among the farmers and the residents here against the authorities for turning a blind eye to the occasion. The State Government's apparent oversight has not gone unnoticed, with many farmers disappointment.

"Forget developing the region, the least we were expecting from the government or authorities was a celebration to honour this milestone. Kabini Dam is our lifeline," says Kumara, a resident of Beechanahalli.

The lack of acknowledgement from the authorities has left many questioning the government's commitment to supporting and preserving such vital infrastructure.

"Successive governments

announced that HD Kote town and the Kabini region would be developed using a special grant. In the budget, a botanical garden at the Kabini dam site was also announced on the lines of the Brindavan Gardens in KRS but remained only on paper. The local MLA, too, announced last year that the golden jubilee would be planned, the dam would be developed, and it would be a year-long celebration. It only remained as a promise, and nothing progressed thereafter," says Sunil, a resident of Bidarahalli.

Meanwhile, a retired staff member of the dam revealed that all the details regarding this were provided to the officials as well, but they have not taken things seriously.

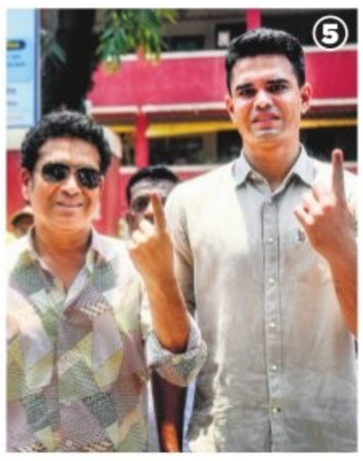
When *The New Indian Express* asked an official from the Water Resources Department for not holding any event to celebrate the occasion, the officer, on condition of anonymity, said that they had not received any directives from the government in this regard. "When I checked with my senior officials, they told me to cite the 'Model Code of Conduct' for the ongoing Lok Sabha elections as a reason," he added.

POLITICAL THEATRE

Kharge poster defaced: Cong leaders slam act

BENGALURU: After All-India Congress Committee (AICC) president Mallikarjun Kharge's posters were defaced and torn in West Bengal outside the West Bengal Congress office in Kolkata on Monday, Congress leaders in Karnataka condemned it. State coordinator for the party's media department Ramesh Babu said, "Our National General Secretary, Organization, KC Venugopal has asked the West Bengal unit in-charge general secretary to take action against the perpetrators. We condemn it in the strongest of terms." ENS

With the IMD issuing an orange alert for parts of Tamil Nadu, fishers engaged in deep sea fishing have been advised to return by May 23. The low pressure area likely to form over southwest Bay of Bengal is expected to concentrate into a depression on May 24



FIFTH PHASE

J'khand's 'green booths' send message of plastic-free society

Green booths, set up to spread the message of environment protection and making society plastic-free, have turned into a major attraction for voters in Jharkhand's Koderma district. Two polling booths — number 92 and 93 — were created at an old-age home in Jhumri Telaiya under the Koderma seat. The booths were decorated with bamboo and paddy straws. "We must protect democracy by voting and save the environment by planting trees and reducing the use of plastics," said a voter.

BSF jawan removed from duty after molestation charge

The Election Commission on Monday removed a BSF jawan from poll duty in Uluberia Lok Sabha constituency following a complaint of molestation against him, an official said. A woman lodged the molestation complaint at Uluberia Police Station on Sunday evening, he said. "We have removed him from election duty. We are waiting for the police report. If found guilty, necessary action will be taken as per law," said a poll panel official.

NETAS, ABHINETAS QUEUE UP

Political leaders, industrialists, corporate honchos, sportspersons & film personalities line up along with common people to cast votes

(1,2) Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and BSP chief Mayawati after casting votes in Lucknow; **(3-6)** Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar and actor-politician Hema Malini with their respective families in Mumbai; **(7)** A security personnel stands guard as voters wait at a booth in Sopore in North Kashmir | PTI/SHIBA SAHU

WEST BENGAL

Mamta: Not against Ramakrishna Mission

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @ Kolkata

A FEW youths vandalised premises of the Ramakrishna Mission in West Bengal's Jalpaiguri district and threatened monks and other employees to leave the place, RKM officials said Monday.

The incident happened two days after chief minister Mamata Banerjee came down on some monks of RKM and Bharat Sevashram Sangha for "supporting BJP and trying to incite communal violence."

Condemning the attack on the ashram, Prime Minister Narendra Modi lashed out at Banerjee during an election rally for insulting RKM and Bharat Sevashram Sangha. "It is shameful that the TMC has taken up the onus of hurting the religious faith of Hindus in Bengal," he said in Jhargram.

Reacting to it, Banerjee said in Bankura, "I am not against Ramakrishna Mission. Why should I be against an institution or insult it? Even I paid a visit to Maharaj (former head of the RKM) when he was ill. I have spoken about one or two persons." The CM also praised Bharat Sevashram Sangha. "Bharat Sevashram Sangha does great philanthropic work and they also love me. I only mentioned one name and he is Kartik Maharaj. Two days before the election in Murshidabad, he incited a riot in the district," she said.

Kangana faces stir over Dalai Lama remarks

HARPREET BAJWA @ Mandi

BJP candidate from the Mandi parliamentary constituency Kangana Ranaut was on Monday shown black flags by locals and Congress workers at Kaza in Lahaul and Spiti in Himachal Pradesh.

The BJP alleged that stones were hurled at her cavalcade. The people were reportedly enraged over her remarks on the Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama in April last year.

Congress workers also raised anti-Kangana slogans. Ranaut had tweeted a meme featuring the Dalai Lama. The photoshopped picture carried a comment that was not liked by a group of Buddhists who staged a dharna outside her office in Mumbai.Later she apologised saying she did not mean to hurt anyone, and it was a harmless joke about Biden being friends with the Dalai Lama. On Monday she was accompanied by leader of Opposition and former chief minister Jai Ram Thakur and BJP candidate from Lahaul and Spiti Assembly seat Ravi Thakur, among others. The former chief minister alleged that one person was injured following stone-pelting allegedly by Congress workers at Kangana's convoy. Thakur said the BJP had already taken permission for a public meeting at Kaza, questioning why the Congress was allowed to take out a protest rally close to the venue of BJP meeting. "The protesters not only created a disturbance at our function but also pelted Kangana's carcade with stones. One person was injured," he alleged.

Elephant census begins in border areas from May 23

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IN response to the increasing human-elephant conflict in the border areas of Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu, an inter-state coordination committee has initiated a Synchronized Elephant Population Estimation Exercise from May 23 to 25. This effort aims at preventing human-elephant conflicts and develop management strategies.

According to Nagarahole Tiger Reserve field director Harshakumar Chikkanaragund, the census consists of three phases. On May 23, block sampling will be held. Sampling blocks of five sq km will be created. Teams of three personnel will patrol at least 15-km on foot, recording data on elephants observed directly, including group size, sex (males, females, makhna elephants), age categories (adult, juvenile, calf), and other relevant information.

The second day on May 24, Line Transect activity will be held. A 2-km transect will start at 6 am. During this walk, elephants' dung and footprints will be recorded on both sides. On the last day on May 25, the water hole count will be held. The staff will monitor selected lakes from 6am to 6pm, recording and photographing elephants that visit these water sources.

"The Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, which spans Mysuru and Kodagu districts and is the state's most elephant-rich area, has already conducted 15 days of camera trapping to collect data. Over 300 personnel from 91 patrols in the reserve will participate in the census, with at least one trained staff member in each patrol. This effort will help determine the sex ratio of elephants and identify high-density areas, which are crucial for preventing human-elephant conflicts and developing effective management strategies," he said.

SURVEY IN 10 FOREST DIVISIONS IN K'TAKA

The exercise will be conducted in 10 forest divisions of Karnataka, located on the interstate boundary with Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. The divisions in which the exercise will be conducted are Kolar, Cauvery Wildlife, MM Hills Wildlife, BRT Tiger Reserve, Bannerghatta National Park, Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, Madikeri Territorial, Madikeri Wildlife and Virajpet. This includes 65 forest ranges and 563 beats.

Jisha murder: HC confirms death sentence to Assam man

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OBSERVING that the rape and murder of Jisha, an LLB student, at Perumbavoor in 2016 was a cold-blooded murder without provocation, the Kerala High Court on Monday confirmed the death sentence awarded to Muhammed Ameer-Ul-Islam, an Assam native.

While upholding the capital punishment, a division bench comprising Justice P B Suresh Kumar and Justice S Manu said: "The facts are deeply disturbing and represent an egregious violation of human dignity and sanctity of life, for after committing rape in an inhumane manner, the victim has also been murdered horrendously. Its impact on society was profound and far-reaching as it instilled not only fear but also a sense of vulnerability, particularly amongst women."

The Bench also said the incident eroded the trust reposed in institutions responsible for ensuring public safety. The judges concluded the 112-page verdict with Nobel laureate Alexander Solzhenitsyn's statement "Justice is conscience, not a personal conscience but the conscience of the whole humanity".

Jisha, a 30-year-old law student from a Scheduled Caste family, was found raped and murdered at her house in Kuruppampady near Perumbavoor on April 28, 2016. Ameer-Ul-Islam, a migrant worker from Assam, was arrested on June 16 that year. The postmortem report revealed that Jisha was raped before being killed, with 38 wounds found on her body.

Special Public Prosecutor N K Unnikrishnan, who succeeded in proving the rape and murder before the court by producing documentary and material evidence, argued that the sentence of death was warranted and rightly awarded by the trial court. The Bench said the acts of brutality committed by the accused on the body of the victim to cause her death can only be regarded as "acts committed out of frustration, aggression and vengeance as also to evade the law and get rid of the criminal liability"

Eight shops were gutted in a fire which broke out at a shopping complex near Central Bus Stand in Koppal town on Monday afternoon. No casualties were reported. The fire started at a hardware and paint shop and spread to other shops, including an ATM kiosk | EXPRESS

Int'l organ trafficking with Kerala link busted; 2 held

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AN international racket in organ trafficking with Kerala links was busted after the police took two persons into custody from Kochi airport with one confessing that he took 20 persons to Iran for organ donation.

As per the statements of the accused, a few persons died in Iran while they were brought for organ donation from India. Central investigation agencies including NIA have been roped into the case, and they have completed the preliminary probe, said sources.

While Sabith Nasar, 30, a native of Valapad in Thrissur, who was arrested from Nedumbassery International Airport on Sunday, has been remanded to judicial custody, another youth, a Kochi native, who provided assistance to Nasar, was taken into custody by the police on Monday. Another Valapad native, who was a roommate of Sabith while in Kochi, will also be interrogated. Officers maintained that more arrests are likely to happen in connection with the case.

The financial dealings and links in Kerala of Sabith, who is suspected to be a member of an international organ trafficking racket, will be investigated in detail due to the international implications of the case, according to the investigators.

EXPRESS READ

Rain fury: 7-yr-old dies in M'luru wall collapse

Mangaluru: A 7-year-old girl became the first victim to the rain fury after she died after a compound wall collapsed while she was playing near a school at Harekala in Mangaluru taluk on Monday. Shaziya Banu is the deceased girl. Mangaluru city police confirmed that a pole of the compound wall which fell on her during the downpour killed her on the spot. She was a class 3 student of the Padmashri awardee Harekala Hajabba's Newpadpu school at Harekala.

Maha CM agrees to release water from Koyna dam

ENS @Belagavi

A few days after CM Siddaramaiah wrote to his Maharashtra counterpart Eknath Shinde, making an appeal to release water from Koyna dam to Krishna river, the latter agreed to release water to Karnataka.

PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi stated that the authorities of the Water Resources Department, Maharashtra would soon release water to Krishna river. Further, he also visited Raibag taluk on Monday to check the level of Krishna river and said the state government had been working on all possible alternatives to ensure effective supply of water to all the drought-hit areas. He appreciated the efforts put by Siddaramaiah to get the water released from Koyna dam to the state.

730 and counting: Lion-tailed macaques fight all odds in Uttara Kannada

SUBHASH CHANDRA N S
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THE Lion Tailed Macaque (LTM) population in Uttara Kannada, believed to be the largest in the country, is found to be stable as per a scientific study, despite forest fragmentation, habitat loss and anthropogenic pressure.

The final report on the population status of Lion Tailed Macaque and other diurnal arboreal mammal in and around Sharavathi Valley Lion Tailed Macaque Sanctuary, Karnataka, by Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON) under the Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Changes and Karnataka Forest Department is out. The report states that the rare and critically endangered primates, numbering 730 are the largest group in the country and perhaps the world, as the species are endemic to Western Ghats and are restricted to the rain forests in the region.

The sanctuary is spread across a massive area of 930.16 sq km across Sirsi Forest Division and Canara Circle and Shivamogga Wildlife Division of Shivamogga Circle, covering eight forest ranges -- Kyadagi, Siddapur forest Range in Sirsi Forest, Honnavar, Gerusoppa, Bhatkal and Kumta ranges in Honnavar Forest Division. Kagar and Kargal

Lion tailed macaques in Sharavathi

forest ranges in the Shivamogga Forest Division has 41 individuals, 89 in South of the sanctuary and 649 in the North of the sanctuary.

The study conducted in late 2022 has found that the LTMs are thriving despite the odds in their habitat. "This place cannot be considered as completely undisturbed. This is no doubt a good habitat. The population is stable and is as per the carrying capacity of the area. But it is not free from encroachment. The good thing about this is these encroachments, unlike in Annamalai, Vellamalai in Tamil Nadu and Neliyammbadi in Kerala, have no big estates or lands. These patches of lands are not connected. If connected, the rainforest would be fragmented and the corridor would be broken," said Honnavali N Kumara, Principal Scientist - Conservation Biology, SACON.

Stating that the habitat should be maintained and managed very well, he said, "There is a habitat contiguity there. This holds the key for conservation of LTM. But there are paddy fields and areca groves. There is a bigger role to ensure that the Myristica swamps, which is the primary source of food for macaques, are not converted or diverted into human habitat and agriculture fields. The worry is that there are still 15,000 people residing in these forest patches," said Kumara.

The sanctuary is managed by three officers from Sirsi, Honnavar and Shivamogga. The report suggests appointment of one officer exclusively for the sanctuary in the interest of conservation and protection. "We have already submitted a proposal to the department. It will be a reality soon," said Vasanth Reddy, Conservator of Forests, Canara Circle.

The Non-Timber Forest Produce like Garcinia gummigutta, Myristica malabarica and other produce forms the food for the macaque which is harvested indiscriminately by the villagers. The study suggests appointment of Village Forest Committees to control this harvesting. "Immediately, when the Garcinia becomes a fruit, the villagers harvest it. The macaque consumes it at a particular stage. But the people never allow it to reach that stage," explained Kumara.

The study also mentions restoration of habitat and corridor and insulation of high-voltage transmission lines to prevent the accidents.

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-: SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER-3rd CALL :-

1) Name and description of work : Providing water supply scheme to Hutti, Kavithal, Manvi, Maski and Turuvihal Towns in Raichur District under AMRUT 2.0 including Operation & Maintenance for a period of 5 years (including 1 year DLP) through Design, Build Operation and Transfer (DBOT) mode - No variation **(Work Indent No : KUWSDB/2024-25 / WS / WORK_INDENT193)**, Amount of Estimate (Rs. in Lakh) : **19596.40 (Including GST),** Details of Tender application amount and EMD amount (Rs.in Lakhs) : **196.00,** Eligibility of Contractor : Eligible Contractors, Period of completion including monsoon in months: 18 Months (Eighteen), 2) Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting: **27-05-2024 at 11:30 Hours**, 3) Last Date and Time for receipt of Tenders: **03-06-2024 Up to 17:30 Hours**, 4) Date and Time for Opening of Tender : **05-06-2024 After 11:00 Hours**, 5) Addl. information: Chief Engineer Office, KUWS & D Board, Kalaburagi Zone, Opp. Mini Vidhan Soudha, Aiwan Shahi Road, Kalaburagi – 585102. Tel : 08472-220817, Fax : 08472-260818 E-mail ID : kwbceklb14@gmail.com, 6) Address of E-portail : **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The notice is hereby given to public that our client Mr. Madhusudhan.D has lost registered agreement bearing Doc. No.7654/2018-19 at Wilson Garden.
If any person or persons or financial institution or Bank has any claim over the schedule property or any person or persons claim any right, title or interest, over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within seven days from today, along with relevant documents, failing which it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and any claim received thereafter will not bind my client and would not be considered by my client.

SCHEDULE :
All that piece and parcel of property bearing Southern portion of Vacant Site No.576, in Sy Nos.40, 41 & 42, BBMP Khatha No.325, Property No.1502/576, Measuring 40x15 ft ., Situated at 1st Main Road, 6th Cross, Channakeshava Nagar, Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently within the limits of BBMP, and bounded on East by :Road, West by: Site No.557, North by :Remaining Northern portion of Site No.576 belongs to Sri. Suresh, and South by: Site No.575.

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NOTICE U/S 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

A notice is hereby served on the undernoted borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s) (here in after referred as defaulting obligants) on the loans availed by them from the Bank being classified as Non Performing Asset (NPA). Notice/s under section 13(2) read with rule 3(1) demanding repayment of the dues within 60 days as per the terms of the powers conferred to the undersigned under section 13(12) of the SARFAESI Act 2002 was/were already sent through post to the last known address(es) but have returned un-served. Hence, this notice is served on all the defaulting obligants by way of paper publication as a substituted service. The detail of the defaulting obligants, amount due and security offered towards repayment of borrowed facility(ies) are as under: -.

Sl. No.	A) Defaulting Obligant's / Mortgagor and Guarantor Name and Address B) Branch (code)	Demand notice date, NPA Date, Facility, Account No and O/s Amount (date of O/s + further interest, charges and cost)	Description of the immovable property charged to the Bank by way of equitable mortgage
1	**A) Borrower :** **1. Shri Mahesh Kumar Reddy,** No 10 1st Floor, 10th Cross, 16th Main, Tavarekere BTM 1st Stage, Bangalore - 560029, Karnataka. **2. Shri Bhaskar Reddy Prabhavathi Vasanthi,** No T7, 3rd Floor, Krishna Layout, Hulimavu, Bengaluru-560076. **B) BO:Bannerghatta (157920).**	**25.03.2024, 05.10.2017 Term Loan 1579300002387 Term Loan 1579300002523 Rs.15,25,623.00 as on 31.12.2023**	All that piece parcel of the Flat No 407, in Fourth Floor having super built up area of 535 Sqft with an undivided 140 Sqft of share, right title and interest in the land One Hall & Kitchen, One Bedroom, One Toilet cum being the part of the apartment building known as **"PRABHAVATHI PARKVIEW"** constructed on Site No 1317/C & Site No 2494/C in Block 'A' AECS Layout having BBMP Khatha No 1626/1317/C&Khatha No 1626/2494/C Situated at Singasindra Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South having total land area 8400 Sqft, Property with RCC framed structure, Concrete Block Masonry, Main door teak frame and Steam Breach Veneered flush Shutter and room doors sal wood with water proof flush shutters, Powder coated aluminum windows with glass & safety grills, Ceramic flooring etc., and flat bounded as follows: **East by** – Corridor, **West by** – Private Property, **North by** – Flat No 406 and **South by** – Flat No 408. The residential property in the name of Mr Mahesh Kumar Reddy.
2	**A) Borrower :** **1. M/s SUNSHINE RCM BAZAAR,** No. 226, 1st Main, 5th Cross, Kempegowda Nagar, Hessaragatta Main Road, T Dasarahalli, Bengaluru - 560057. **2. MS ARPITA B,** #18, 7th main, Havanoor Extn., Bagalagunte, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru – 560 073. **3. M/s SUNSHINE RCM BAZAAR,** No 220/3 5th Main, 1st Cross, Bhuvaneshwarinagar Hesarghatta Main Road, T Dasarahalli Bengaluru 560057. **4. MS ARPITA B,** 237 2nd Main Rd Kempegowda Nagara, Dasarahalli Banglore 580057. **B) BO: T Dasarahalli Branch (139210).**	**08.05.2024, 25.04.2024 Cash Credit 1392108700000117 Term Loan - GECL 13927121000341 Rs.7,45,822.06 as on 25.04.2024**	Hypothecation of Stocks of raw materials, stock – in – process, finished goods , store & spares and receivables.
3	**A) Borrower :** **1. Ms SOWMYA MANJUNATH (BORROWER)** **2. Mrs SUJTHATA S M (GUARANTOR) W/o MANJUNATH SR** Both are at : 63/4, 6th phase, 8th main road,3rd cross, West Of Chord Road, Mahaganapathy Nagar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560044. **3. Ms SOWMYA MANJUNATH(BORROWER)** Property No. 5/1, Pid No. 11-173-5/1, Old No. 5, Khatha No. 1, Assessment No. 1,5th D Main Road, 8th Cross Road, 3rd Block, Nandini Layout, Jarakabande Kaval Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru 560096. **4. MS SOWMYA MANJUNATH(BORROWER)** Capgemini Technologies Ind P Ltd Brigade Metropolis Summit, TWR A 7311, Mahadevapura PO, Bangalore 560048 **B) BO: Banashankari (462300).**	**07.05.2024, 01.05.2024 Overdraft against Immovable Property (ODIP) 4623009300000340 Rs. 10,31,655.40 as on 01.05.2024**	Property No.5/1, PID NO.11-173-5/1, Old No.5, Khatha No.1, Assessment No.1, 5th D Main Road, 8th Cross Road, 3rd Block, Nandini Layout, Jarakabande Kaval Village Yelahanka Hobli, Benglaluru 560096 **Owned by: Mrs Sujatha S.M.**
4	**A) Borrower : 1.M/s D J Enterprises (Prop: Abhishek Devaraj), KIADB** Industrial Area No 174, Dabasepet, Makanakuppe Niduvanda Post Nelamangala, Bangalore562132 **2. Sri Abhishek D S/o Devraj G** No 2437/2197, Maruthi Nilaya Near Babu Store Behind Municipal Quaters, Subhash Nagar Adakamaranahalli, Nelamangala Bangalore 562123. **B) BO: Nelamangala (184210).**	**03.05.2024, 01.05.2024 Cash Credit 1842108700000108 TLEGL 184210EG00000020 Term Loan 184210SL00000021 Rs. 21,14,096.50 as on 01.05.2024**	**1. Cash Credit :** Hypothecation of current assets of the borrowers both present and future, including all kinds of stocks/stock in trade and book debts i.e. all present and future current assets of the firm. **2. Term Loan :** Hypothecation of Plant & Machinery purchased from Bank Finance.
5	**A) Borrower : 1. M/s KUBER INDUSTRY** Sy No 57-5 No 55-480 Srigandadakavalu Doddaiah Garden Magadi Road Bangalore Karnataka- 560091. **2. Ms KARISHMA JOSHI,** Prop. Kuber Industry D/o Mr Ramgopal Joshi, No. 66, B T Street, Near KPTCL Office, Anchapet Chickpet Bangalore, Karnataka - 560053. **B) BO: Vijayanagar Branch (588500).**	**02.04.2024, 31.03.2024 Term Loan - Gen 588500IN00000010 Rs. 23,30,174.53 as on 31.03.2024**	Hypothecation of Assets/ Machinery (NG 250 TON PLASTIC INJECTION MOULDING MACHINE) purchased out of the Term Loan.

Abbreviation used: CC: Cash credit; TL-Term loan; THL- Term Housing Loan and ODHL-Overdraft in Housing Loan.
The attention of the above said defaulting persons are hereby invited to the provisions of section 13(8) of the said act in respect of the time available to them for redemption of the secured assets failing which, further action under section 13(4) of the said act will be initiated. They shall not transfer or alienate the assets by way of sale, lease, mortgage, extinguish rights in favor of their family members/third party or to create any further encumbrance without written prior consent of the Bank under section 13(13) of the said act
If the said Borrower(s)/Obligant(s)/Guarantor(s) fail to make payments to Punjab National Bank as afore said, the Bank may proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks, costs and consequences of the Borrower/obligants. For further details, please contact the Authorized Officer at the above said address.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 20.05.2024

FOR PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK
CHIEF MANAGER
Sd/- AUTHORIZED OFFICER

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU PORT AUTHORITY

INDIA'S BEST PERFORMING PORT
(PORT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT)

Short E-Tender Notice

Tender No.:- PPD/FCT/DPD Parking/T-09 /2024 **Dated:- 20/05/2024**

Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority invites e-tenders "ONLINE" in two bid system from **21/05/2024 to 10/06/2024** from experienced, reputed consultant fulfilling the Minimum Eligibility Criteria (MEC) as stipulated in the Tender for the Work of **"Consultancy Services for Preparation of Detailed Project Report and Detailed Engineering for Construction, Operation, Maintenance of DPD Facilities at JN Port"** Detailed Notice Inviting Tender and Tender Document is available on JNPA website "www.jnport.gov.in" and CPP Portal "https://eprocure.gov.in".

Chief General Manager (PP&D)

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its owner **SRI.N.KRISHNAPPA** S/o late Narayanappa, residing at: No.83, 2nd Main Road, Ramakrishnanagar, Bangalore – 560078.

Apart from the said owner, if any other person/s have any manner of claim or interest or demand over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption or otherwise howsoever, they are hereby requested to file their objection/s (along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying), with the undersigned within **14 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.71, PID No.49-38-71, measuring East to West 65ft and North to South 20ft, together with a building thereon, situated at Rama Krishna Matt Layout, Gavipura Guttahalli, Kempegowdanagar, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : Private Property
West by : Road
North by : Property of Venkataswami
South by : Property of Ayyanna

Sd/- **S.F. GOUTAM CHAND**
Advocate
GOUTAM ASSOCIATES
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004.

IN THE COURT OF THE XV ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE
P & S.C.No. 542 /2023 (CCH No.3)

BETWEEN: Mrs.SARALA, aged about 60 years, W/o.Late C.S.Satheesh Kumar, Residing at No.201, 2nd Floor, Aurora Orchids 3rd A Main Road Balaji Layout Vidyaranyapura Bengaluru – 560 097 ... **PETITIONER**
AND NIL ... **RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Petitioner above named have filed a Petition under Section 372 of The Indian Succession Act for the grant of Succession Certificate in favour of the Petitioner in respect of the schedule property mentioned below. The below mentioned Schedule Property was held by Late.C.S.Satheesh Kumar S/o Late S.M.Sathyanarayana Rao, who is the husband of the Petitioner herein who expired intestate on 01.05.2004.

Interested parties are hereby called upon to appear before this court in person or by pleader duly instructed on 11th day of June 2024 at 11 a.m to show cause against the Petitioner failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex-Parte.

Issued as per the Orders of the Court.

SCHEDULE

Details of the share certificates viz.,

Sl No	Name of the Unit	Folio No	Certificate No	No of Shares	From	To	No of Certificates
1	Datamatics HDFC Bank Ltd	15736	3000750	2000	2155731	2156730	1
	Kfin Technologies Ltd.,						1
	Icici Bank Ltd	4149773	29951	455	12793826	12794280	1
	Kfin Technologies Ltd.,	1033444	1750720	45	6412511 079	6412511 123	1
	CanFin Homes Ltd. Canara Bank	47C(Old No C00266)	200589	1250	529056	530305	1

Total Share Amount: 12,18,750/-

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, this 14th day of May, 2024.
By Order of Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Address of Advocate for Petitioner: **JAYPEE ASSOCIATES**
LAW FIRM, No.38/1, 1st Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore-560 003.
Phone No.2346 8742, 2356 0365 Email : contact.jaypee1234@gmail.com
contact@jaypeeassociates.com

CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Chola – Enter a Better Life
Corporate Office : "CHOLA CREST", C54 & 55, Super B-4, Thiru. Vi.Ka Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032.
Branch Address : Municipal No.45, (Old Nos. 45& 45/1), Second Floor, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore - 560 027.

POSSESSION NOTICE
[Rule - 8 (1)] (For immovable Property)
under Section 13[4] of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **M/s Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13[12] read with Rules 9 of the Security Interest [Enforcement] Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **11/04/2023 (Loan Account Nos. X0HEBAN00001980092)** calling upon the Borrowers **1. Manjunath R,** No. 44/B Radhakrishna Nilaya, Kalkere Main, Near BMTC Bus Stop Road, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka -560016. **2. Sasikala C,** No. 44/B Radhakrishna Nilaya Kalkere Main, Near BMTC Bus Stop Road, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka -560016. **3. M/S. Bombay Textiles & Tailors,** No. 44/B Radhakrishna Nilaya Kalkere Main, Near BMTC Bus Stop Road, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka -560016. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **being Rs.70,91,390/- [Rupees Seventy Lakh Ninety One Thousand Three Hundred Ninety only]** as on **10/04/2023** with interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers in particular and the public in general that the undersigned as per the Court Order Dated is **19/12/2023** passed by the Honourable **10th ACMM at Benga in Crl.Misc. 50717/2023** has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under section 13[4], 13[12] of the said act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules security interest (enforcement) rules, 2002 on this **17/05/2024.**

Under section 13[8] of the Securitisation Act, the borrowers can redeem the secured asset by payment of the entire outstanding including all costs, charges and expenses before notification of sale.

The borrowers in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of **M/s Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited,** for an amount of being **Rs.70,91,390/-** [Rupees Seventy Lakh Ninety One Thousand Three Hundred Ninety only] as on **10/04/2023** and interest and charges thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel Residential Property House No.1 B, ITI Notified Area Khath No 78/2/60, Situated at : Kowdenahalli, Ramamurthy Nagar, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore South Talik, Bangalore Presently within the Limits of BBMP and bounded on : East by : Private Property, West by : 35 feet wide Road, North by : 20 feet Wide Road and , South by : Private Property , Measuring : East to West 50 ft North to South 25 ft, along With building within the registraion district of Bangalore and Sub registraion office.

Date: 17.05.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited.**

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Hebbal Division, 2nd Floor, BBMP Building, J.C. Nagar Main Road, Munireddypalya, Bengaluru -560 032.

No: EE/HBL/TEND/02/2024-25 Date:20.05.2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK KPP Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Hebbal Division invites Item Rate tenders from eligible tenderers for the works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Estimate Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Establishment of Temporary Night Control Room for Monsoon Period (From 01-06-2024 to 30-09-2024) in Ward No 61,62, 63 & 64 of Hebbal Sub Division.	5.00	12,500/-
2	Establishment of Temporary Night Control Room for Monsoon Period (From 01-06-2024 to 30-09-2024) in Ward No.65, 66, 67 & 68 of J C Nagar Sub Division.	5.00	12,500/-

1) Tender Documents may be downloaded from the KPP portal **from 21.05.2024 onwards. 2)** Last Date for uploading the Filled Tender Documents: **28.05.2024 upto 16.00 Hrs. 3)** Date of opening of Financial bids**: 29.05.2024 after 16.30 Hrs.** Further details, visit e-Procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Hebbal Division

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public are hereby notified that, my clients **(i) SMT. A.R. DHANALAKSHMI** W/o late Sri.A.N.Rajagopal, residing at No.1186/14, 35th 'C' Cross, 4th 'T' Block Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560041 & **(ii) SRI. A.S. SHANKARANARAYANA SETTY** S/o late Sri.A.Subbaiah Setty, residing at No.58, Gurupriya Apartments, 6th Cross, 5th Main, Opp:Amar Nursing Home, Chamarajapet, Bengaluru-560018, are the absolute owners of the Schedule Property. My clients have lost/misplaced the (i) original Absolute Sale Deed dated 09/12/1983 executed by Sri.Vajrappa S/o Sri.Munirangannana Kempanna in favour of Sri.A.M.Subramanyam S/o late Sri.Muniswamy Gounder, registered as document No.6275/1983-84 in Book-1, Volume-2054, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk with respect to land measuring 1 Acre in of Sy.No.61/4 and (ii) Original Absolute Sale Deed dated 09/12/1983 executed by Sri.Venkatakrishnappa S/o Sri.Nanjappa in favour of Sri.A.M.Subramanyam S/o late Sri.Muniswamy Gounder, registered as document No.6274/1983-84 in Book-1, Volume-2061, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, with respect to land bearing Sy.No.63/1 measuring about 3 Acres 01 Gunta and other related documents, with respect to the Schedule Property and to that effect my clients have lodged a complaint with Bengaluru City Police vide Lost Report No.1060140/2024 on 20/05/2024. If anybody holds or otherwise finds the said original Sale Deeds and other related documents, is hereby requested to hand over the same to the undersigned within **5 (Five) days** from today and he/she will be rewarded appropriately.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of converted land bearing **(i) Sy.No.61/5 formerly part of Sy.No.61/4 measuring 1 Acre** and (ii) **Sy.No.61/3 measuring 3 Acres 1 Gunta**, both situated at **Vajarahalli Village,** Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District and bounded as follows :

East by : Kanakapura Road
West by : Land bearing Sy.No.64
North by : Land bearing Sy.No.63/2 & 61/3
South by : Land bearing Sy.No.61/4 & Thalaghattapura Village border

Sd/- BAYYA REDDY .M
For ISHA LAW CHAMBERS LLP
Advocates & Solicitors
No.101, 2nd Floor, Sri Manjunatha Complex,
Place: Bangalore BSK 2nd Stage, Opp : Banashankari BDA Complex,
Date: 20-05-2024 Bengaluru-560070.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government of India Undertaking)

M G ROAD BRANCH
No. 86, Ground Floor, Spencer Towers, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001
Ph.no. 080 - 25588005,
Email: cb0404@canarabank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable property)
[Appendix IV under the Act-rule-8(1) *

Where, the then authorized officer of the **Canara Bank, M G Road Branch** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in the exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2), read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **17.02.2024**, calling upon the Borrower: **Mr. Mahesh. C** S/o Mr. Y R Shamaraju, No.50/51, Krishna Nivas, 17G Cross, 15th Main Rose Garden, J P Nagar, Bengaluru-560078 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice **Rs.53,48,981.86/-** (Rupees Fifty-Three Lakhs Forty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-One Paisa Eighty-Six Only) within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the owners of the property and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rule on this **17th day of May of the year 2024.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank** for an amount of **Rs.53,48,981.86/-** (Rupees Fifty-Three Lakhs Forty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-One Paisa Eighty-Six Only) as on **17.02.2024** plus interest and cost thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE THE PROPERTY

Schedule- A : All the piece and parcel of the converted land bearing survey No 42/1 with khata No.285/189/1, measuring 1 acre and 10 guntas, (out of total extent of 1 acre and 18 guntas, Situated at Chikkasanne Village Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru rural district and converted for residential purpose vide official memorandum AAW(S) SR. 82/2003-04 and bounded as follows : East By: Land Belonging to Sri. Narayanappa and Mrs. Munirathnamma, West By: Land Belonging to Gundu Topu, North: Sanni Ammanikere Channel, South: Doddasanne Road.

SCHEDULE-B PROPERTY : 0.89% Undivided share equivalent to 488 Sq.Ft right and interest in the Schedule A Property mentioned above with right to construct apartment No B-105 on the first floor measuring super built-up area of 1051 Sq. Ft of the building complex called **"SKYGOLD JEEVANKEERTHI COMMANDER'S AEROVIEW".**

SCHEDULE C OF PROPERTY: Apartment No.B-105 village Panchayath PID No. 150300201901021350 located on the first floor of the building "Skygold Jeevankeerthi Commander's Aeroview " Apartment measuring 1051 Sq.Ft super built up area one covered car parking and Bounded on: East by: Passage and Flat No B I04 West by: Set back area and drive way , North by: Set back area and Flat No B-106, South by: Set back area and drive way.

Date : 17.05.2024 **Sd/-Authorized Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda

ROSARB - Bangalore South, 4th Floor, Vijaya Tower, Bank of Baroda, Trinity Circle, Bangalore - 560 001. Tele Phone : 080-25011441, Extn. - 128, E-Mail : sarbes@bankofbaroda.co.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX-IV-A [See Provision to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Bank of Baroda**, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **25.06.2024 "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** for recovery of below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below –

Name & address of Borrower/s Guarantor/s/Mortagagor (s)	detailed description of the immovable properties with known encumbrances, if any	1) Branch Name 2) Account Number 3) Total Dues.	1) Date & Time of E-auction	Reserve Price, EMD amount, Bid Increase Amount Last Date of Receipt of Emd	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection date & Time
1) M/s. Castel Rocks, 2) M/s. Rakshitha Granite, 3) M/s. Sree Anugraha Asphalts, Prop. S Govind Reddy, No. 4018, Huskur Gate, Electronic city post, Anekal Bangalore-560100. **4) M/s. Srinivasa Blue Metals, 5) M/s. Srinivasa Stone Crusher, Prop : Gayathri Govinda Reddy,** No. 4018, Huskur gate, Electronic city post Anekal, Bangalore-560100. **6) M/s. Thanishq Developers, Prop: B N Nagesh Reddy,** No. 137, 5th Cross, Leo heights layout, Begur Road, Bangalore-560068. **7) M/s. Sri Sai Tyers, Prop. H C Shridhar,** No 4018 Huskur gate, Electronic city post, Anekal, Bangalore-560100. **8) M/s. Srinivasa Water Supply, Prop: H M Chinnappa Reddy,** No. 4018, Huskur gate, Electronic city post, Anekal, Bangalore-560100. **9) Mr. R. Murali Kumar,** S/o. Mr. Narayan Reddy, Hulimangala, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore 560100. **10) Mrs. Renukamma, (Mortgager)** W/o. Mr. Narayan Reddy, Hulimangala, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560100. **11) R. Madusudan (Mortgager)** S/o. Rama Reddy Hennagara village, Jigni Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore.	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing plot No 372, 434,435,438,270,271 ,272,273,274,275,409,111 ,118,211,260,261,262,263 ,269,392,393,394 and 395 Hulimangala, situated at Koppa Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, Bangalore	**A. Rosarb-Bangalore South B. 29360400001811 29360600002271 29360400001806 29360600002267 29360400001805 29360600002269 29360600002266 29360400001809 29360600002268 29360400001810 29360600002272 29360600002260 29360400001808 29360400001812 29360600002279 29360600002279 C. Rs. 474 Lakh as on 17.05.2024 with Further Interest From 17.05.2024 Onwards & Along With Tax And Other Legal Charges Etc.**	On 25.06.2024 from 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM.	Reserve Price: Rs. 1,35,50,544/- EMD Rs. 13,55,054/- BID Increase Amount : Rs. 25,000/- 24.06.2024	SYMBOLIC Possession	With prior Appointment from Authorized officer (after 20.06.2024)

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm and https: //ibapi.in. Also, prospective bidders may contact the authorized officer on Tel No. 080-25011441 and Mobile No. 8630886910.

Date: 17.05.2024, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda**

SUNDARAM HOME

Regd Office: No. 21, Patullos Road, Chennai - 600 002.
Corporate Office: Sundaram Towers, No. 46, Whites Road, Chennai - 600 014.
Branch Office: No. 1608, B Block, 1st Floor, Sahakar Nagar, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru - 560 092. Tel:080 - 2362 0310.

DEMAND NOTICE

(Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act 2002)

The under mentioned parties are hereby informed that the Company has initiated proceedings against each of you under the SARFAESI ACT, 2002, and that the notices under Section 13(2) of the Sarfaesi Act sent to each of you separately by Regd. Post Ack. due have been returned unserved. Hence both / all of you are hereby called upon to take notice to pay jointly and severally the below mentioned outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the Company shall proceed and exercise all or any of the powers conferred upon the Secured Creditor under Section 13 (4) of the Sarfaesi Act to realize its dues with interests and costs as contemplated under the Act. Needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Company.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower & Co-Borrower	File No.Amount (Outstanding Rs.)	Description of the Secured Property
1	**Mrs. Aruna S (Borrower)** No 79, 3rd Cross, Naganahalli, Singanayakanahalli Post, Yelahanka, Hobli, Bangalore - 560064	**File No. YLK20220136, Rs. 94,60,925/-** As on 04/04/2024) along with further interest, Cost and other charges etc., if any till actual date of payment)	All that piece and of the site bearing No.30 carved in residentially converted Survey No.47/2, from Agricultural of total extent 02 Acer 11 Guntas vide Order dated 23-12-2011 in ALN(N)CR78/2011-12 by District Commissioner Bengaluru and presently coming BBMP Ward No.14, Bagalagunte Village, Hawanur Layout Survey No.47/2 bearing KhathaNo.2638 of Yeshwanthapura Village, Bengaluru North Taluk, measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South 40 Feet totally measuring 2400 Square Feet and same is **bounded as follows:** East by: Road, West by: Others Property, North by: Site No. 29, South by: Site No.31.
2	**Mr. Munegowda M (Co-Borrower) Mrs. Chinnamma N (Co-Borrower) SVC Road Lines (Co - Borrower) SVC Express Logistics Limited Liability Partnership (Co - Borrower).**	**File No. YLK20200080, Rs. 42,60,403/-** As on 04/04/2024) along with further interest, Cost and other charges etc., if any till actual date of payment)	

for SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD.,
Authorised officer.

IN THE COURT OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1,

B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

O.A.N0.1067/2022

BETWEEN :
AXIS BANK LTD., ...Applicant
AND
SREERAM SREENIVAS KUMAR NAGA NANDAN & OTHERS ...Defendant

To,

1.Sreerem Sreenivasa Kumar Naga Nandan @ S S Naga Nandan, R/o.Sri. S V Sreenivasa Kumar, Aged About 31 Years, R/of No.20, 1st Floor, 7th Cross, 9th Main, Padmanabha Nagar, Besde Shravanthi Archids Apartmens, Bangalore-560070, Mobile No-7760951856

Also At: Sreerem Sreenivasa Kumar Naga Nandan @ S S Naga Nandan, Subramanya Interior, Illustrators, No.207/8/1, 39th 'a' Cross, 9th Main, 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560 041.

And Also At: Sreerem Sreenivasa Kumar Naga Nandan S S Naga Nandan, No.4-93, Main Road, Amarapuram, Ananthpur, Andhra Pradesh-515 281

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23 (Viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas the Applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions, Act 1993, against the above defendants for the recovery of sum of **Rs.30,76,759/-** (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Nine Rupees only) amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on **16.10.2024 at 10.30 a.m.** as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice, that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this day **14.05.2024.**

BY THE ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
REGISTRAR-1
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1
BANGALORE.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Mr. Dr. Tharun K.C, who is the absolute owner of the building bearing No.54-59, Uttarahalli Main Road, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru-560061, and my client is a Chairman of 1) Sri Sharada College of Management, 2) Sri Sharada School of Nursing and 3) Sri Sharada Kindergarten School. My client is running the above said educational institute in the said building without any hindrance. Such being the case very recently my client learnt that some unknown person is using my client's above said building address for representing their educational institution etc., illegally which is not existing at all, though they are not in any way concerned to my client and the said building address and without any symbolic right, title, interest, claim whatsoever they are using my client's building address illegally for their own wrongful gain..The above said educational institution is running in the said building by my client is no way concern to the other educational institution. Further, my client reserves liberty to take suitable legal action against those who are using my client above said building address illegally without written consent of my client. Hence, my client is warning and bringing it to the knowledge of general public that if any third person is/was using my client above said building address for their wrongful gain illegally then my client is not responsible for all times to come. Hence, this public notice for general public.

Sd/- **(G.R. Chandrashekar)**,
Advocate
#3, Sri Sai Sadana,
Kamakya Theater Road,
BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore-85.
Place: Bengaluru
Date: 20.05.2024

IN THE COURT OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1,

B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

O.A.NO.797/2023

BETWEEN :
AXIS BANK LTD., ...Applicant
AND
SRI.ANAND KUNCHANUR & OTHERS ...Defendants

To,

(1) Sri.Anand Kunchanur, S/o Sri.Irrappa Kunchanur, Aged About 41 Years, No.59, First Floor, 2nd Cross, 4th Main, Royal Shelters, Devarachikanahalli, Bangalore-560076 **Also At: Sri.Anand Kunchanur,** Somawarpeth, Banahatti, Jamakhandi Taluk, Bagalkot District-587311 **And Also At: Sri.Anand Kunchanur,** Quanti Cafe Inkmeeting Limited, No.97, Patton House, II 4th B Cross, 5th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560095 **(2) Mrs.Jyothi, W/o.Sri.Anand Kunchanur,** Aged About 35 years, No.59, First Floor, 2nd Cross, 4th Main, Royal Shelters, Devarachikanahalli, Bangalore-560 076. **(3) Value Designbuild Private Limited,** Represented By Its Managing Director, Mr.Koshy Varghese, No.14, 3rd Main, 3rd Phase, 2nd Stage, Domlur, Bangalore-560 071.

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23 (Viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas the Applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions, Act 1993, against the above defendants for the recovery of sum of **Rs.27,14,177/-** (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Forteen Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Seven Rupees only) amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on **04.09.2024 at 10.30 a.m.** as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice, that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this day **02.05.2024.**

BY THE ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
REGISTRAR-1
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1
BANGALORE.

NOTICE

This is to notify that, Ford Fiesta car bearing regn number KA05ME3282, owned by MR. GANGA SRINIVAS , is lying in our parking lot since 2018. The customer, despite all our calls /communications/ notices sent , has failed to turn up/ respond till the date of this notice. Hence the said vehicle shall be disposed of as scrap to recover the parking charges. Any one proving the ownership to revert back to us within 7 working days upon this notice. Auction would be held on 01/06/2024 and interested can participate.

Contact - **Bodyshop Manager,**
Mobile - 9663315073
Location - **CAUVERY FORD BODY SHOP**
KAMAKSHIPALYA Bangalore.

DOCUMENTS LOST

I, **Nagaraj T** S/o Late Thathapppa, Aged about 65 years, R/at No.421, 5th Main, 9th Cross, RMV 2nd Stage, Dollars Colony, Bengaluru-560094, do hereby inform to the general public that, I have lost original documents of the properties which was in the name of Mrs. P. Sharadevi, represented by her registered General Power of Attorney Holder Mr. T. Lokesha, s/o Late Thathappa, aged about 53 years, R/at No. 60/7, IV Cross, Hosahalli Village, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560 040.

a. One is in the name of Myself (T Nagaraj) in Sub Registrar office KR Puram Rgd On 23-03-2005 bearing No. KRI-1-35541-2004-05, CD No.KRID125, Book No.1.
b. Another one is in name of my wife by name Smt V. Chaya w/o T Nagaraj in Sub Registrar office at KR Puram, Rgd On 23-03-2005 bearing No. KRI-1-35552-2004-05, CD No. KRID125, Book No.1.

I submit that above mentioned documents I kept in my house. Thereafter in the month of April -2024 I have searched in my house the said documents not found. Hence I lodge complaint in E-Lost Police website in Sanjayanagara Police Station Jurisdiction in Lost Report No.1057712/2024 Dated on 18-05-2024.

If anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession, please handover the same to the above said address or contact me on 9731962587

BEFORE THE ARBITRAL TRIBUNAL OF DISTRICT JUDGE
SHRI. D.R. VENKATASUDARSHANA SOLE ARBITRATOR AT ARBITRAITON CENTRE-KARNATAKA (DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL), BENGALURU.
A.C. No.172/2024

BETWEEN: SRI. BEERAPPA .S ... CLAIMANT
AND: M/S. JABM ONE SOURCE PVT. LTD. & Others ... **RESPONDENTS**

SUMMONS TO RESPONDENTS No.1 & 2

1. M/S. JABM ONE SOURCE PVT. LTD., A private limited company, Registered under the companies Act, 1956. Having register office at 2nd Main Road, Nila Investment Layout, Bettadasanapura, Electronic City Phase-I, Bengaluru-560 100. Represented by its Director, Rvsn Ane Ram Teja Arigala.

2. SRI. SUNIL MORE SHIVAJI RAO, Managing Director, M/S. JABM ONE SOURCE PVT. LTD., 2nd Main Road, Nila Investment Layout, Bettadasanapura, Electronic City Phase-I, Bengaluru-560 100.

Whereas, the Petitioner in the above case has filed the above case A.C. No.172/2024 for seeking to vacate and also pay damages.

You are hereby directed to appear before this Hon'ble Tribunal, on **07-06-2024** at before the Arbitration Centre, 3rd Floor, Khanija Bhavan, Bengaluru, either in person or through an advocate duly Instructed to show cause, failing which the above case will heard and determined ex-parte.

SCHEDULE PREMISES

All that piece and parcel of the residential house, having 3 BHK, 10th Floor, Door No.42102, Prestige Falcon City Apartment, Plot No.1182, Road No.1, Kanakapura Road, Konanakunte, Bengaluru-560 078.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on this 20/05/2024

By order of the Court, Section Officer, Arbitration & Conciliation Centre-Bengaluru (High Court of Karnataka) & Bengaluru-560 001

Advocate for Claimant
H.T.N. LAW ASSOCIATES
H.T. NATARAJ, Advocate
No. 113, 1st Floor, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru-560-020.

IN THE COURT OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1

B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

O.A.NO.1211/2022

Between:
AXIS BANK LIMITED., Applicant
AND:
SRI. AJAY RAO GANTA & OTHERS Defendants

To.

3. M/s. Casa Grande Garden City Builders Private Limited,
Represented by its Authorized Signatory, H.No.108, Sriram Spurti, Aecs Layout, Brookefields, Bangalore-560 037.

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(Viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS: the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions, Act, 1993, against the above defendants for the recovery of sum of **Rs.37,66,700/-** (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Sixty Six Thousand Seven Hundred only) amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on **11/09/2024 at 10:30 a.m.** as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this day **02nd May 20224.**

By The Order Of The Tribunal
Registrar-1 Debts Recovery Tribunal-1
Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our client has negotiated with Mrs. Pratima Rawat, D/o Late Mr. A.S. Rawat, aged about 76 years, residing at Opp Gate No.8, MIRC, Wakodi Village Road, Wakodi Village Road, Wakodi Phata, Ahmednagar – 414 110, to purchase the Schedule Property for valuable consideration. It is represented to our client that Mr. A.S. Rawat, who acquired the Schedule Property under the Lease cum Sale Deed dated 6th December 2000, registered as Document No.4560/2000-01, with the office of the Sub Registrar, Yalahanka, Bengaluru, has bequeathed the Schedule Property in favour of his daughter, Mrs. Pratima Rawat under the Will dated 5th January 2001 and after the demise of Mr. A.S. Rawat, on 02/10/2006, Mrs. Pratima Rawat became owner of the Schedule Property. Any person(s) claiming any right, title or interest of whatsoever nature over the Schedule Property is called upon to lodge such claim with the undersigned, with supporting documents within 7 days from the date of this publication. In the event no such claim(s) is received within the stipulated time, it shall be lawful for our client to presume that there are no valid claim(s) adverse to Mrs. Pratima Rawat's right, title and interest in the Schedule Property and proceeds with the proposed sale transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the vacant Site bearing No.40, BDA PID No.600007460, in the layout known as Rajeev Gandhi Nagar, NTI layout, 3rd Phase [formed by the 'NATIONAL TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTIONS HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED, BENGALURU', in several Survey Numbers of Kodigehalli, Kothihosahalli and Byatarayanapura Villages, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk], measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 2400 Sq. feet and bounded on the East by : Road, West by :Park, North by : Site No.190 and South by : Site No.41.

M/s. B.M. Associates,
Advocates & Consultants,
No. 7/1, Top Floor, G.J. Complex,
100 feet Road, Indiranagar I stage,
Bangalore -560 038.

SBI STATE BANK OF INDIA

Retail Assets Central Processing Centre,
HSR LAYOUT, (Code No.64065)
No.241, 19th Main, HSR Layout, 4th Sector, Bengaluru -560 102
Ph: 9972361099, Fax No:080-28411050, Email ID: maint.hsr@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE [RULE - 8(1)]
(For Immovable Property)

CIF NO: 86197712322

Whereas

The Authorised Officer of State Bank of India under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **19.02.2024** calling upon the borrower/ legal heirs **Mr. Leburu Vishnu Reddy S/o Mr. Leburu V Raghav Reddy, residing at No.83, Concorde Cuppertino, Neeladri Road, Opp Wipro Gate-15, Electronic City Phase-1, Bangalore AND ALSO AT: (1) Vice President [Retail Operations], M/s. WOW MOMO FOODS PVT LTD, No.78, 5th Cross, Umar Nagar, Govindapura Main Road, Near Gulshana-C-Baghdad, Masjid Post, Bangalore, (2) No.011, Ground Floor, Pinnacle Apts, Hirandahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore560 049, (3) C-611, Brigade Northridge Apt, Kogilu Road, Kogilu Cross, Yelahanka Old Town, Bangalore-560 064, (4) Flat No.401, Sri. Sai Avenue Apts, Plot No.22,23, LIC Colony, Yellareddyguda, Hyderabad - 500 073, (5) No.313, Third Floor, Pinnacle Apts, Hirandahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore-560 049** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being of **Rs. 90,56,023/- (Rupees Ninety Lakhs Fifty Six Thousand and Twenty Three Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules on this **30th April of the Year 2024.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India for an amount of Rs.92,26,210/- (Rupees Ninety Two Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand Two Hundred and Ten Only)** as on **29.04.2024** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
ACCOUNT NO: 39898620922
SCHEDULE OF "A" PROPERTY

Item - 1

All that piece and parcel of Property being converted land bearing **Old Sy.No.79, New Sy. No.79/2, bears a V.P. Katha No.615/79/2,** situated at **Hirandahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli,** earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk measuring about **1 Acre,** with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: East by: **Land in Sy. No.78 belonged to Sri. Ramaprasad,** West by: **Remaining portion of Land in Survey No.79/1,** North By: **Land bearing present Survey No.80/4 (Item - II Property),** South By: **Land in Sy. No.79/1, belonged to Sri. H.M. Ramappa.**

Item - II

All that piece and parcel of Property being converted land bearing **Sy.No.80/4, bears a V.P. Katha No.616/80/4,** situated at **Hirandahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli,** earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk measuring about **23 Guntas,** with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: East by: **Land in Sy. No.78 belonged to Sri. M. Ramaiah,** West by: **Land in Survey No.80/3 belonged to Sri. Yalanagamma,** North by: **Road,** South by: **Land bearing Old Survey No.79, present Sy. No. 79/2 (Item-1 Property)**

COMPOSITE SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Property converted land bearing **Old Sy. No.79, New Sy.No. 79/2** measuring about **1 Acre, Sy. No.80/4,** measuring about **23 Guntas,** (converted for residential purpose vide Conversion Certificate No.ALN(E) (B)SR:112/2009-10, dated 06.04.2010, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at **Hirandahalli Village, Bidarahalli, Hobli,** earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, both the lands together totally measures about **1 Acre 23 Guntas,** with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: East by: **Land in Sy. No.78,** West by: **Land in Sy. Nos. 79/1 and Sy.No.80/3,** North by: **Road,** South by: **Land in Sy. No.79/1.**

SCHEDULE OF "B" PROPERTY

342 Sq.ft undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned "A" above.

SCHEDULE OF "C" PROPERTY

Flat bearing **No.011** in the **Ground Floor,** Property **Sl. No. 150200400100820200,** measuring about **1027 Sq.ft** super built-up area, containing Two bed rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring together with One covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc. in the multistoried residential building complex known as **"PINNACLE"** constructed over Schedule "A" Property.

Sale Deed dated 31.12.2020 has been registered in Book No.1 under Document No.VRT-1- 04807-2020-21 AND CD No.VRTD859 dated 31.12.2020 in the Senior Sub-Registrar Office, Varthur, Bangalore City District.

ACCOUNT NO: 39898623571
SCHEDULE OF "A" PROPERTY

Item-1

All that piece and parcel of Property being converted land bearing **Old Sy. No.79, New Sy.No. 79/2, bears a V.P. Katha No.615/79/2,** situated at **Hirandahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli,** earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk measuring about **1 Acre,** with bounded on the: all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounde on the: East by: **Land in Sy. No.78 belonged to Sri. Ramaprasad,** West by: **Remaining portion of Land in Survey No.79/1,** North by: **Land bearing present Survey No.80/4 (Item-II Property),** South by: **Land in Sy No.79/1, belonged to Sri. H.M. Ramappa**

Item - II

All that piece and parcel of Property being converted land bearing **Sy. No. 80/4, bears a V.P. Katha No.616/80/4,** situated at **Hirandahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli,** earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk measuring about **23 Guntas,** with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: East by: **Land in Sy.No.78 belonged to Sri. M. Ramaiah,** West by: **Land in Survey No.80/3 belonged to Sri. Yalanagamma,** North by: **Road,** South by: **Land bearing Old Survey No.79, present Sy.No. 79/2 (Item -I Property)**

COMPOSITE SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Property converted land bearing **Old Sy. No.79, New Sy.No. 79/2,** measuring about **1 Acre, Sy.No.80/4,** measuring about **23 Guntas,** (converted for residential purpose vide Conversion Certificate **No.ALN(E)(B)SR:112/2009-10,** dated 06.04.2010, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at **Hirandahalli Village, Bidarahalli, Hobli,** earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, both the lands together totally measures about **1 Acre 23 Guntas,** with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: East by: **Land in Sy.No.78,** West by: **Land in Sy.Nos.79/1 and Sy.No.80/3,** North by: **Road,** South by: **Land in Sy. No.79/1,**

SCHEDULE OF "B" PROPERTY

342 Sq.ft undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule "A" above.

SCHEDULE OF "C" PROPERTY

Flat bearing **No.313** in the Third Floor, Property **Sl.No. 150200400100820290,** measuring about **1027 Sq.ft** super built up area, containing Two bed rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring together with One covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc, in the multistoried residential building complex known as **"PINNACLE"** constructed over Schedule "A" Property.

Sale Deed dated 29.12.2020 has been registered in Book No.1 under Document No.MDP-1- 05724-2020-21 AND CD No.MDPD751 dated 29.12.2020 in the Senior Sub-Registrar Office, Mahadevapura, Bangalore.

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 30.04.2024

Sd/-
Authorized Officer & Chief Manager

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE, U R RAO SATELLITE CENTRE, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP, HAL Airport Road, Bangalore - 560 017 (Phone : 080 25084177, 4184, 4156)

CORRIGENDUM - III

Sl. No.	Description	Details
1	Name of work	Remodelling of Old Labs (Phase-I) at Main Campus, URSC, Bengaluru – (Civil Works).
2	E-Tender Notice No.	URSC/C&MG/13C/2023-24 dated: 14.03.2024
3	Estimated cost put to tender	₹ 140.00 Lakhs
4	Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	Extended upto 16.30 hrs on 27.05.2024
5	Last date and time for receipt of tenders	Up to 11.00 hrs. on 30.05.2024
6	Due date and time of opening of tenders	After 11.00 hrs on 30.05.2024

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**.

Sd/- Group Director, C&MG

INTERNATIONAL FLOWER AUCTION BANGALORE LIMITED

#24, BELLARY ROAD, HEBBAL, Bengaluru-560024
Phone:-8431235867 / 8431235858
E-Mail:- ifablimited@gmail.com, Website :-www.ifabindia.org

No.IFAB/MD/ADMIN/15/2024-25 **Date: 18.05.2024**

REQUIRES-GENERAL MANAGER

IFAB is looking for a young, energetic, enthusiastic and forward looking candidate for the post of GENERAL MANAGER. The candidate should be a Post Graduate in Horticulture with minimum 5 years of experience or MBA with minimum 10 years of experience in the field of administration, marketing and business related activities. The post is purely on CONTRACT BASIS.

Interested candidates may send in their application along with a detailed bio-data and the relevant enclosures in respect of qualification, experience, etc. to the above mentioned address or email to reach the office on or before **30.05.2024.**

Sd/-
Managing Director

DIPR/CP/79/SHIRDI SAI/2023-24

Union Bank of India

JAYANAGAR BRANCH
T. Mariyappa Road, 1st. Block, Jayanagar
Bangalore - 560 011, Ph: 93245 02731
E-mail: ubin0802735@unionbankofindia.bank

POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the **Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India, Jayanagar Branch,** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **11.03.2024** calling upon the borrowers **1) Mr. Vasudev N M and 2) Mrs. Sri Lakshmi M R** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.5734968.70 (Rupees Fifty-seven lakhs thirty-four thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight seventy paise only)** as on **31-01-2024** with subsequent interest and charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said Rules on this **18th day of May 2024**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Union Bank of India, Jayanagar Branch,** for an amount of **Rs.5734968.70 (Rupees Fifty-seven lakhs thirty-four thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight seventy paise only)** as on **31-01-2024** and further interest, cost thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of Land and Building bearing site No 80 new No 62 Old no 303/80 PID 58-69-62, 26th Main, 37th B Cross Road, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560069 measuring East to West 35 ft., North to South 40 ft. bounded by: **East by:** Property No 305; **West by:** KHB House No 81; **North by:** Road; **South by:** KHB House No 97.

Date: 18.05.2024
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE No. 17/2024 Dated : 15-05-2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the supply of following item.

Tender No.	Description in Brief	Qty.
L8236748B	Crane mounted truck, AMC for 5 years after 2 years warranty period.	01 No.

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 10:30 Hrs on 10-06-2024**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

PUB/97/AAS/PRB/SWR/2024-25 **Senior Divisional Materials Manager, Bengaluru**

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Description of Immovable Property
SCHEDULE PROPERTY

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SCHEDULE OF 'B' PROPERTY

533.49 Sq.ft undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above.

SCHEDULE OF 'C' PROPERTY

Description of the Residential Apartment in the project **"SAMHITA ROYAL SPLENDOR"** to be constructed by the Purchaser/s through the Developer/Builder over the Schedule 'A Property: **1. Flat Number:** 324. **2. Floor:** Third Floor. **3. Type of Flat:** Residential. **4. Accommodation details:** Two Bedrooms, Hall, Dinning and Kitchen. **5. Super built area:** 1170 Sq.feet (which includes 842 Sq.ft carpert area). **6. Corresponding undivided Share in land:** 533.49 Sq.feet. **7. Construction Specifications:** RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring. **8. Additional Facility:** One Covered Car Parking Space.

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Date : 30.04.2024

Sd/-
Authorized Officer & Chief Manager

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Information regarding individuals with pending criminal cases, who have been selected as candidates, along with the reasons for such selection, as also as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates

(As per the Commission's directions issued in pursuance of the Order dated 13.02.2020 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in contempt petition(C) no.2192 of 2018 in WP(C) no.536 of 2011)

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*Name of the Election : **GENERAL ELECTION TO MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FROM NORTH - EAST GRADUATES CONSTITUENCY, JUNE – 2024**
Name of State/~~UT~~ : **KARNATAKA**
(1) Name of the Constituency : **NORTH-EAST GRADUATES CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA**
Name of the candidate : **DR. CHANDRASHEKAR B. PATIL**

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1	**Criminal antecedents**		
	a.	Nature of the offences	Erected a Banner on a House
	b.	Case no.	C.C.No.4635/2018
	c.	Name of the Court	Vth Additional Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Kalaburgi
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	Yes, Under FIR No.78/18, Ashoknagar Police Station, Kalaburgi, Dated 17-08-2022
	e.	Date of conviction, if any	No
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	No
	g.	Any other information required to be given	No
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EDITORIAL

If there be cricket in heaven, let there also be rain

Alec Douglas-Home

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— Ramnath Goenka

CHECK FUTURES AND OPTIONS FOR RETAIL INVESTORS

THE government has woken up to the dangers of retail investors risking household savings in the futures and options (F&O) market. Days after the finance minister raised the issue at a BSE event in Mumbai, the government's chief economic advisor, V Anantha Nageswaran, on Saturday warned against small investors trading in the futures and options markets. The concern over small investors taking the plunge into F&Os has been building over the last couple of years as volumes in this highly speculative segment of equity trading has been shooting through the roof. With only a handful of investors and traders making any money, retail investors taking F&O bets without fully understanding the risks is a recipe for disaster.

With the advent of discount broking and new-age trading apps, equity trading is now easily accessible to anyone possessing a smartphone. The F&O segment has attracted a lot of interest among retail investors because of the 'betting' nature of futures and options trading. The greed of making a fast buck is also a key attraction for investors towards this market. The segment's popularity can be gauged from the fact that the monthly turnover of the F&O segment was ₹8,740 lakh crore in March 2024, 40 times the ₹217 lakh crore turnover reported in March 2019. In March 2024, the average daily turnover in the equity cash segment of the market was ₹1 lakh crore, while the F&O segment clocked average daily turnover of around ₹330 lakh crore.

The capital markets regulator in a report a year ago had revealed that only 11 percent of the individual traders in 2021-22 made gains in the equity F&O segment, with an average profit in the range of ₹1.5 lakh. The rest of the traders made an average loss of ₹1.1 lakh during the year. Clearly, the odds in the favour of losses are much higher than those for profits. Yet, easy access to trading apps and hundreds of self-proclaimed trading gurus on social media are leading gullible individuals into this risky segment of the equity market. The government and regulators must take decisive steps to check this tendency, or else many individual investors would be left with irreparable losses.

POCSO CASES REVEAL UNEVEN GRIP OF LAW

FOR at least the second time this year, the judiciary's understanding of the POCSO Act and its provisions on child sexual abuse material (CSAM, more widely referred to as child pornography) has come under the scanner. In January, the Madras High Court, in a decision now under review by the Supreme Court, quashed the FIR and criminal proceedings against a 28-year-old man and held that downloading and possessing CSAM was not an offence under the law (in this case, under the IT Act and POCSO). The Supreme Court rightly slammed the judgement, as the high court's verdict was an incorrect reading of the two laws.

Now, the Delhi High Court has undertaken a *suo motu* revision petition after a PIL by an NGO brought to light that a sessions court had discharged two accused of offences under POCSO Act in a case in which CSAM was recovered from their electronic devices. The lower court's reasoning was that as the children in the images could not be identified or traced, it was not possible to ascertain that they were indeed minors, and therefore POCSO could not be invoked. The Delhi HC termed this a miscarriage of justice and pointed out there was no need to prove the persons are children when the definition of child pornography under POCSO covers any sexually explicit conduct involving a child or appearing to depict a child. Further, the investigation agency, the CBI, in its chargesheet had included the opinion of two doctors who examined the material and said the persons in the content are children. The lower court, however, disregarded the statements.

The case simultaneously illustrates the relatively farsighted approach of a law that is over a decade old and the still-patchy understanding of the Act, and possibly the crime itself. CSAM is a particularly heinous crime in that it perpetuates the sexual violence against a child. Leaving aside the correlation between consumption of CSAM and contact abuse, the perpetuation of the abuse through its circulation and viewing retraumatises the child. When countries in the West have dedicated resources to the destruction of such material and identification of its victims, the seeming superficiality with which the Indian legal system engages with this particular crime is just another reminder of how much farther we have to go towards ensuring true justice to child survivors of CSAM.

QUICK TAKE

MADUKKARAI SHOWS THE WAY

AFTER witnessing 10 forest fires in the previous three years, the nearly 8,000-hectare Madukkarai forest in western Tamil Nadu has seen off this summer without one despite the record heat. The local forest department staff of 40 kept up regular vigil, engaged villagers in 'perambulation' around the range, and kept a weekly watch on the most likely spots from atop hills. They also used drones to check on deeper terrains. Meanwhile, the Supreme Court last week chided the Uttarakhand government for failing to act on forest fires and summoned the state's chief secretary. This is one thing the northern state can surely learn from the southern one.

Indian talent shone brighter than ever at the 17th edition of the IPL. But with massive scores, the season also showed a further tilt of balance towards batters

THE YEAR INDIANS BETTERED THE BEST FROM THE REST

JOY BHATTACHARJYA
Sports producer and former Team Director, Kolkata Knight Riders

SOURAV ROY

ON the last day of the league stage of IPL 2024, Travis Head and Abhishek Sharma of Sunrisers Hyderabad—the most feared opening combination—walked out to the middle needing to chase 214 to get a chance at a top-two spot. In the very first ball of the chase, disaster struck. Travis was cleaned up by young Indian Arshdeep Singh.

In seasons past, the Sunrisers might have panicked after losing their talismanic Australian opener. Instead, Rahul Tripathi walked in and nervelessly smashed 23 off the next 10 balls. And then Abhishek Sharma got into the act, hitting 66 in just 28 balls—including five more sixes—and powered his team to a commanding four-wicket victory and into the playoffs. In all his past 47 IPL appearances since 2018, Sharma had hit a total of 32 sixes, this year he hit 40.

It's been that kind of year.

This, the 17th season of the IPL, has given us plenty to celebrate and a fair amount to think about.

First, the good news. If this league has often been dominated by international talent and a few Indian superstars, the last few years have seen a huge surge in the effectiveness and performances of domestic Indian talent. And 2024 has seen that taken to a totally different level.

Abhishek Sharma and Nitish Reddy starring for the Sunrisers, Shashank Singh and Ashutosh Rana for Delhi, Swapnil Singh making some vital contributions with the ball and the bat for RCB, and Harshit Rana and Vaibhav Arora with the ball for KKR. The list can go on and on. And these were not one-offs—instead, they gave consistent performances that took their teams to victory over a series of matches.

Many of these players have been regulars at the trial camps called by IPL teams in the months before the IPL auction. The domestic players go from camp to camp hoping to impress scouts and coaches enough to get a bid come auction day. And this year, many struck gold—not just getting picked, but getting their chance in the middle.

When players like Shashank Singh, costing only ₹20 lakh, are winning games in the middle, teams will definitely increase their focus on honing and blooding local talent.

The other big change in the tournament was a rule that was actually introduced in 2023, but was not really used effectively by teams in its first season.

This year, the 'impact player' rule played a huge part in the tournament. With a specialist bowler on hand to bring in, all-rounders, once the most valuable pieces for franchises, were no longer the flavour of the season. So the likes of Shivam Dube or Venkatesh Iyer, who might have had to bowl in previous seasons, really did not chance their arm. And while it made for more runs and options, it's not great news for Indian cricket, given that the International Cricket Council does not allow impact subs.

How much this rule might hurt Indian preparation for the World Cup will only be evident in the next few weeks. It's instructive to note that the ICC also introduced a similar rule in 2005, allowing a 'supersub' for each team, but hastily withdrew the rule after nine months.

The other slightly worrying factor is the overheating of the IPL: 200+ scores, once winning totals in 90 percent of matches, have now become routine. The likes of Abhishek Sharma and Travis Head are not unique. In the first season, 620 sixes were hit in the IPL in 59 matches; that number went down to 508 the next season as bowlers learned to adjust to the format. But the last few years have seen the balance between bat and ball tilt alarmingly in favour of batters.

The thousand-sixes-in-a-season mark was first breached in 2022, with 1,062 hit in 74 matches. This year has seen 1,208 hit in 69 matches, 14 centuries scored and a run rate of 9.61—all highs in the league's 17-year history. While the skill and ability of the batters have definitely played a part, the absolutely flat tracks and small boundaries have been significant factors. Some of the most fascinating matches were when teams scored smaller totals and the ball had a larger part to play. The Lucknow-Gujarat game at the Ekana stadium being a case in point, where a score of 163 was defended.

For Indian cricket, more balance would be a great idea, especially as the national T20 team has not travelled well in conditions where the ball was doing a bit and the boundaries were a bit longer. The IPL probably needs to cool down and give the bowlers a more even chance.

The last, slightly discordant note in the IPL actually happened before the tournament. In the final year of his contract with the Gujarat Titans, their captain Hardik Pandya contrived to get himself traded to the Mumbai Indians in a deal where Gujarat received nothing but cash. One can understand the Titans allowing him to go—no point keeping a reluctant campaigner for an extra season if he really wanted to go, given that he would have anyway left in a year. But it is a disturbing precedent.

If superstar players can push to be traded to a team of their choice, the auction, which ensures financial prudence and an even playing field for teams, would be bereft of meaning, and prices would spiral out of control, with richer teams stockpiling talent. The fact that the move was a disaster for the Mumbai Indians may be the best thing for the long-term health of the league.

So it has been a great year for the IPL in terms of balance—not one of the four teams who qualified for the playoffs in 2023 made it to this year's playoffs—but a slightly worrying trend in terms of the domination of the bat. And a few safeguards that need to be in place for player trading. But the continual emergence of top domestic talent is the gift that seems to keep giving. And that's what makes this league so special.

(Views are personal)

RETHINKING HDI AS A TIME SERIES, NOT A SNAPSHOT

ARAVINDA CHINNADURAI
Academic and public health physician

THE release of the Human Development Index (HDI) 2023-24 by the United Nations Development Programme has once again brought this influential metric to the forefront of global discourse. With a score of 0.644, India was ranked 134 out of 193 countries. Hence, debates around the ranking were inevitable in the electoral discourse of 2024. But it's crucial to revisit the use and interpretation of this measure.

The HDI was the brainchild of Mahbub ul-Haq, who grew up amid the tumultuous partition of the subcontinent and passionately believed in a human-centric approach to development. The index is calculated by measuring longevity, health, education and standard of living. Longevity and health are assessed by life expectancy at birth, standard of living by gross national income (GNI) per capita, and education by the mean years of schooling for adults and the expected years of schooling for children. The HDI uses geometric mean (instead of arithmetic mean) of the indicators, thereby making sure no single dimension can disproportionately influence the overall score of a country.

While the HDI has undoubtedly been a valuable tool in measuring social progress, its ranking system and methodology warrant a re-evaluation. The index simplifies complex social dynamics into numbers, potentially distorting our understanding of progress. It is skewed towards nations with smaller, homogeneous populations.

The HDI's true value lies in tracking a nation's progress over time, rather than comparing it with others at a single point. Comparing China and Sri Lanka, for example, is misleading. Despite their similar scores (0.788 and 0.780, respectively), China is an economic powerhouse while Sri Lanka recently survived a balance of payments crisis with external aid.

Per capita income, one of its primary components, is a mean value that's sensitive to outliers with smaller denominators (population in this case). In the standard of living index, incorporating median household income could provide a more accurate reflection of the economic well-being of the typical citizen, especially in terms of inequality. The median income aligns with the HDI's goal of measuring human development by offering a more equitable perspective on standard of living. While the HDI currently uses GNI per capita, availability of data makes the median income a potentially more informative alternative.

In the education domain, the index measures mean years spent on schooling. This does not measure employability, skillset or quality of education to the population for economic activity or self-empowerment.

Importantly, the HDI overlooks key factors such as legal accessibility, inclusivity, inequality, disaster proneness, political stability and environmental sustainability. This is evident in the case of Delhi which,

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despite severe air pollution, tops among Indian states with a score of over 0.750. The quality of life of an average citizen does not reflect in the HDI as it utilises only life expectancy at birth and doesn't take morbidity into account. Ignoring Disability and Quality adjusted life years provides a distorted picture of health of the nation. A lot of people with ill health would be undetectable in the score since we prolong their lifespan by medical means, but their quality of life is not necessarily desirable.

Thus, as we delve deeper into the intricacies of the HDI, it becomes increasingly clear that this tool, while undeniably valuable, may oversimplify the complex social dynamics at play within nations.

The 2023-24 report introduces the Planetary Pressures–Adjusted Human Development Index, which adjusts the HDI according to a country's environmental impact. This is a step in the right direction.

Therefore, let's shift our focus from a snapshot view of the HDI rankings to a time series perspective. This approach would highlight each country's progress or regression over time, providing a more nuanced understanding of development.

To illustrate, India has made significant strides in HDI over the past few decades, rising from 0.427 in 1990 to 0.644 in 2023. This is a testament to the country's ongoing efforts in areas like health, education and income. There is a 9.1-year increase in life expectancy at birth, 4.6 years in expected years of schooling, and an increase of 3.8 years in mean years of schooling

In a world that is becoming more complex and interconnected, our measures of development must evolve. We need to incorporate a broader set of indicators that capture the multifaceted nature of human development. It is important to recognise aspects like environmental sustainability, gender equality, linguistic diversity and political freedom to create a more nuanced understanding of development.

In conclusion, it's important to view the HDI as a tool for self-evaluation rather than a global leader board. The HDI remains a powerful measure of human development, but it's our interpretation of this tool that needs to evolve. Instead of getting fixated on rankings, we must focus on understanding the unique socio-economic contexts of each nation and their progress over time.

In this spirit, let's strive for a more comprehensive measure of human development that truly reflects the diverse realities of our world. By raising these concerns, our intention is not to undermine the credibility of the HDI, but rather encourage its refinement. In the pursuit of development, we must ensure no aspect of human progress is left behind. With the rise of generative AI based on large language models, a big chunk of skillset might be undervalued over time. So the methodology last revised in 2010 needs a major revision.

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Supply imbalances

Ref: *Economic distress and the ways to alleviate it* (May 20). The argument that an increase in purchasing power will automatically enhance employment is based on the premise that there are idle human resources in the economy to augment the aggregate supply. Supply imbalances are always there in developing economies because of voluntary employment transitions and structural unemployment, among other things, leading to an inflationary spiral.
S Ramakrishnasayee, Chennai

Report card

The *TNIE* report card of the Left Democratic Front government in Kerala was well assessed. The coalition did little to improve in terms of efficiency and performance in the second term. The performance of some ministers was not only lackadaisical, but casual and indifferent.
K V Raghuram, Wayanad

Teaching values

Ref: *The marvellous narrative tradition of our country* (May 20). The epics give us the essence of the Vedas and Vedangas so as to reach the common man for teaching values in a simple and familiar manner. Since values cannot be easily taught in formal classrooms, our ancestors found stories as effective media for value orientation.
P Prema, Thanjavur

No condemnation

Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal's statement during his address to party workers before leading a protest march to the BJP headquarters over the arrest of aide Bibhav Kumar alleging that the Centre is aiming to arrest all top functionaries of his party is unfounded. Kejriwal's stoic silence over his aide's atrocious behaviour should have been condemned.
H P Murali, Bengaluru

Tragic loss

The untimely death of Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi in a helicopter crash is a significant and tragic event, resulting in the loss of not only the president but also several other high-ranking officials. This incident has elicited profound grief worldwide, reflecting the substantial impact of Raisi's leadership.
Asim Puttur, email

Climate challenges

Understanding the significant regional shifts in weather conditions reveals a daunting sign of widespread climate change. Now, Palakkad is experiencing heavy rainfall just days after recording record high temperatures. It's imperative that we address such challenges.
Savad Vittal, email

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Sambit Patra @sambitswaraj
The huge crowd that gathered at the Puri road show is a clear indication that the people of Puri are going to make lotus bloom at every booth

Tejashwi Yadav @yadavtejashwi
He (PM Modi) neither mentions nor gives any account of his 10 years of work. His only agenda is to come to Bihar and spread negative propoganda

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
Can this EC discharge its Constitutional mandate! Grevious consequences for Democracy! Can we allow the hijacking of electoral process?

'Left-Cong chemistry working'

Alliance offers resistance against BJP's money power & TMC's muscle power: Md Salim

CPM West Bengal secretary **Md Salim** is confident of a Left resurgence in the state and says chemistry with the Congress is working well on the ground because the tie-up has been forged at the grassroots. In an interview with this newspaper, the former Lok Sabha MP and Murshidabad candidate says the Congress high command needs to assess the changing reality of Bengal. **Excerpts:**

How confident are you of your and Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury's win from Berhampore, a constituency next to yours?
The victory is already decided. Malda and Murshidabad will throw a surprise. In fact, the Left-Congress combine will sweep south Bengal. The BJP doesn't have any connect with the masses and the Trinamool is facing huge anti-incumbency. That's why Mamata Banerjee is getting jittery and changing her stance every day—one day with INDIA bloc, and the next day with the BJP.

If the Left-Congress vote increases, who will benefit — BJP or TMC?
I think the vote share will certainly increase for both parties and the people of Bengal will be the beneficiary. The BJP and TMC both will suffer heavy losses. The TMC would lose if the Left or Congress votes that had gone to it return to two INDIA bloc allies. Similar is the case with BJP. The INDIA bloc is going to gain in Bengal.

Do you think the vote transfer between the Left and Congress is seamless at the ground level? In the 2019 Lok Sabha and 2021 assembly elections, it didn't happen if one goes by the results. What did you do differently this time?
It is absolutely seamless because the tie-up was not made top-down. It was rather bottom-up. And the chemistry is perceptible. The alliance wasn't made by spokespersons, but by the 'tala-patras' (those who work at the ground level). That's why the media didn't get a whiff of it. The alliance is spontaneous — the resistance is strong against the money power of BJP and the muscle power of TMC. If you hear closely in Murshidabad, the Left-Congress alliance is not referred to as an alliance but as 'Jot' party. The nomenclature was given by the mango people.

What's the CPM was vocal on Sandeshkhali. Now with the sting operations, do you think it was a BJP plot? And then, where does the CPM stand now?
Sandeshkhali is no stand-alone incident. You can find such examples in Birbhum, Bankura and elsewhere in the state. The TMC's shady operations needed 'liberated zones' ruled by local satraps. What the TMC did was to destroy institutions, democratic rights and values. Women were attacked, molested and in some cases, raped.

When our former MLA Nirapada Sardar raised the issue in the Assembly, the then deputy speaker Sonali Guha, who is now with BJP, switched off the mic. That's how the TMC function. What the BJP has tried is giving it a religious and communal colour by linking Bangladeshis and Rohingyas to the incident. They tried to gain political mileage by catering to their vote banks and derailing the people's protest.

Mamata Banerjee has said she is with INDIA bloc, but she counts out the Left and Bengal Congress. If INDIA bloc is positioned to form the government, what will be your stand?
She is making herself a laughing stock. When the decision to form the INDIA bloc was taken, I told a press conference that everyone can board a train from Howrah to Delhi. However, Mamata got down from the train to save her nephew from CBI-ED prove. At that time, Modi came out with a slogan 'ab ki baar 400 paar'. Mamata miscalculated the situation and thought that it is better to jeopardise the INDIA bloc.

Nitish Kumar was once called 'bin pendi ka lota' (undependable). Similar is the case with Mamata — whichever way the wind blows, she will take that course. Now with the BJP doesn't seem to get a majority comfortably, she is making a U-turn. She has been an opportunist.

She now wants to create a division within Congress. The TMC was born out of that. It is up to AICC leaders to decide whether they would like to hand over the Congress in Bengal to Mamata and allow her to swallow it. The mood in Bengal is that anti-incumbency against the ruling party will help BJP. Naturally, AICC leaders, especially Mr Kharge, will need to assess the changing reality, unfolding stories and emerging scenarios in Bengal politics afresh. There is a learning curve on Bengal's latest political developments that the Congress high command needs to go through, and with Mr Kharge's comment on the Left-Cong alliance and how TMC is trying to sabotage it, is a welcome change.

Won't tolerate indiscipline, Congress warns Bengal unit

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

A DAY after Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge's posters were defaced with ink in front of the West Bengal headquarters, Congress on Monday warned the party men that it would not tolerate such "public display of defiance and indiscipline".

On Sunday, several posters and hoardings of Kharge were defaced with ink in front of the party office after he disapproved of state Congress chief Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury's questioning Trinamool supremo Mamata Banerjee's loyalty to the INDIA bloc. Sources said Chowdhury had expressed displeasure over the development and asked the party workers to file a complaint.

In a statement issued on Monday, Congress general secretary KC Venugopal said, "It has been brought to our notice that a few office bearers and workers of the INC have made certain uncharitable remarks against the Congress president in media and social media."

It added that the hoarding outside of the WBPCC office has been vandalised by certain miscreants, and this has hurt the sentiments of millions of party workers and supporters.

He also warned that the party is taking serious note of such grave anti-party activities. "The Indian National Congress shall not tolerate such public display of defiance and indiscipline," the statement said.

Venugopal further said that the general secretary in charge of West Bengal is directed to immediately submit a factual report of the acts of gross indiscipline.

The events unfolded on Saturday after Kharge snubbed Chowdhury while responding to a query on Banerjee's comment that if the INDIA bloc forms the government, she would support it from outside, and Chowdhury's remark that she cannot be trusted and that she might go with the BJP.

"Mamata Banerjee is with the alliance. She has recently said that she will join the government. Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury will not take the decision. The decision will be taken by me and the high command and those who don't agree will go out," Kharge had said.

Kharge had also asserted that Chowdhury is no one to decide on whether Banerjee would be part of the INDIA bloc in the event of the anti-BJP alliance coming to power after the Lok Sabha polls. Banerjee later said that she is a part of the INDIA bloc.

Chowdhury, a known baiter of Banerjee, while reacting to Kharge, said, "I cannot speak in favour of someone who wants to finish me and our party in Bengal politically. This is a battle for every Congress worker. I have spoken on their behalf. I don't want the state Congress to be used for Banerjee's agenda and then finish the organisation."

"If Kharge ji speaks against my views, I will continue to speak for Congressmen at the grassroots in the state," he added.

The TMC is contesting the Lok Sabha elections alone in the state, while the Congress and the Left are fighting jointly.

SC bins 78-yr-old bedridden woman's plea to direct EC for postal voting

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday refused to entertain a plea filed by a 78-year-old bedridden woman seeking a direction to the Election Commission for the issuance of a postal ballot to her to cast vote in the Lok Sabha polls.

A two-judge vacation bench of Justice Bela M Trivedi and Justice Pankaj Mithal rejected the plea filed by the woman from Chhattisgarh, Sarla Srivasatava.

The woman had moved the apex court after the Chhattisgarh High Court had on May 6 rejected her plea seeking a direction for the issuance of a postal ballot to her.

The apex court refused to entertain Srivastava's plea on the ground that the application filed by her has become infructuous as the polling date May 7 has already expired.

Noting that the woman had not produced the benchmark disability certificate, the SC said, "Everybody would like to sit home and cast vote. We are not entertaining this plea."

Rejecting her petition filed on April 29, Chhattisgarh HC, however, had allowed her to make an application before the returning officer and directed the authority to consider her claim in accordance with the law.

The woman told the top court that she had made an application before the returning officer for the issuance of postal ballot but it was rejected on May 1.

After this, she again moved HC seeking an interim relief. But HC had on May 6 rejected her application saying the polling date was May 7 and the postal ballot arrangement cannot be done in 24 hours.

Srivastava had then approached SC challenging the May 6 HC order. On Monday, her counsel told the vacation bench of SC that according to the April 29 order of the high court, she had made an application before the returning officer for the issuance of postal ballot.

The woman's lawyer said the returning officer rejected her application on May 1.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Plea against criminal laws dismissed

The Supreme Court on Monday refused to entertain a petition which challenged the enactment of three new criminal laws that seek to overhaul India's penal codes. A vacation bench of Justices Bela M Trivedi and Pankaj Mithal allowed the petitioner advocate Vishal Tiwari to withdraw the plea.

'Don't reduce area of open air prisons'

The Supreme Court has directed that there shall be no attempt to reduce the area of open air prisons functioning in the country. Semi-open or open prisons allow convicts to work outside the premises during the day and return in the evening. The concept was introduced to assimilate the convicts with society.

LS POLLS

BJP reviews performance in five phases

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

AMID the 5th phase of polling, the BJP called a meeting of party general secretaries on Monday to review the trends of polling recorded so far.

At the meeting that continued for hours at the party's central office, national president JP Nadda went through the feedback of general secretaries on the party's performances in the previous 5 phases.

Sources told this newspaper that the feedback from across the country through party office-bearers has clearly shown the party very close to its set target of winning 370 LS seats.

General secretaries, including railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, deliberate upon the polling trends of the last 5 phases in which a large turnout of women and youth was seen. "The BJP has done well in all the phases of polling despite polling percentages not going above 70%. Undoubtedly, we have achieved the target of 370 till Monday's 5th phase of polling," a senior party functionary said.

ICMR warns legal action against BHU for misleading study on Covaxin safety

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

THE Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) on Monday junked a recently published Banaras Hindu University (BHU) study on the long-term safety analysis of the Covaxin in adults and adolescents for its poor methodology and design, and said the article "incorrectly and misleadingly acknowledged" ICMR in the paper.

The ICMR Director-General Rajiv Bahl said the BHU study is "poorly designed" and has critical flaws, and warned of legal action against the researchers for publishing misleading paper over Covaxin safety.

The study had claimed that 30 per cent of people who took the jab encountered adverse events, including stroke, Guillain-Barre Syndrome, an autoimmune disorder that causes weakness in nerves in the arms and legs, neurological disorders, and upper respiratory problems.

Dr Bahl, in his letter to the authors of the study and editor of the journal, said they should immediately remove the acknowledgment to ICMR and publish an erratum.

Authors acknowledged ICMR without approval

In a letter to the editor of the journal that had published the BHU paper on Covaxin safety, ICMR Director-General Rajiv Bahl said, "ICMR is not associated with this study and has not provided any financial or technical support for the research. Further, the authors have acknowledged ICMR for research support without any prior approval of or intimation to ICMR, which is inappropriate and unacceptable."

In a separate letter to the editor of the journal, which had published the paper, Dr Bahl said, "ICMR is not associated with this study and has not provided any financial or technical support for the research. Further, the authors have acknowledged ICMR for research support without any prior approval of or intimation to ICMR, which is inappropriate and unacceptable."

Following ICMR criticism, the university in a statement said they are looking into the matter. "The university has taken note of a study in connection with Covaxin aftereffects, involving some members of BHU's Institute of Medical Sciences, and a series of reactions in that regard. We are also aware of the communication made by the ICMR to the concerned individuals. The Institute of Medical Sciences is looking into the matter. The individuals have communicated their responses to the ICMR."

Prominent doctors and experts, including Dr Abby Philips, known as @theliverdr on Twitter, and Dr Rajeev Jayadevan, Co-Chairman of the National Indian Medical Association (IMA) COVID Task Force, have also criticised the study.

Pick-up van overturns, 18 dead, 4 injured in Chhattisgarh's Kawardha

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

NINETEEN tribal labourers, including 18 women, were killed and four others injured on Monday when a mini goods vehicle ferrying a group of tendu leaves collectors plunged into a valley in Chhattisgarh's Kawardha district, about 110 km from Raipur, police said.

The accident occurred on Banjari ghat near Bahpani village. "Thirteen persons died on the spot while six succumbed to the injuries on their way to a hospital. There were around 25 people on the vehicle. They were returning after plucking tendu leaves from a forest," Kawardha district police chief Abhishek Pallava said.

The vehicle skidded off the road apparently after the driver lost control, tumbled down the adjacent low area of land and crashed below the valley, the officer added.

Those killed belong to the Baiga tribal community. President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai expressed grief over the accident and loss of lives. The CM directed the district administration to ensure the best possible medical assistance to the injured.

Deputy CM Vijay Sharma, who holds the Home portfolio, visited Pandariya community health centre where 13 bodies were brought for post-mortem, and also the accident spot. Post-mortem of five bodies were performed at Kukdur health centre and of one in the district hospital.

Vehicles skid off road

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India declares one-day mourning over Raisi's death in chopper crash

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

INDIA declared a day of mourning on Tuesday as a mark of respect for the Iranian President who passed away in a chopper crash on Sunday. All Indian flags will fly half-mast. There will be no official entertainment on Tuesday.

Iranian President, Ebrahim Raisi, along with Foreign Minister Hossein Amir Abdollahain, East Azerbaijan governor Malek Rahmati and East Azerbaijan Imam of Friday prayer Mohammad Ali Ale Hashem were among those killed in a helicopter crash on Sunday in northwest Iran.

Iran will observe five days of national mourning. Vice-President Mohammad Mokhberr will take Raisi's place and will be appointed as the interim president. Elections will be held within 50 days. Ali Bagheri Kani is likely to be the new Foreign Minister. Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his concerns when news about the chopper crash came in on Sunday. He expressed condolences over the news.

"Deeply saddened and shocked by the tragic demise of Dr Seyed Ebrahim Raisi, President of Iran. His contribution to strengthening India-Iran bilateral relationship will always be remembered. My heartfelt condolences to his family and the people of Iran. India stands with Iran in this time of sorrow," said PM Modi on Monday. The crash happened after President Raisi and other senior officials were returning from the border of Azerbaijan (600 km from Tehran) on Sunday. They had gone there for the inauguration of Qiz Qalasi dam with the President of Azerbaijan.

Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Khamenei, called for an emergency meeting of the national security council and addressed the nation on Sunday and asked Iranians not to worry as there would be no disruption of government work.

The rescue operations were arduous as visibility was poor in the region and it took a lot of time and effort for rescue teams to land there.

AAP received ₹7 cr foreign funding, violated FCRA: ED writes to Home Ministry

UJWAL JALALI @ New Delhi

THE Enforcement Directorate has written to the Union Home Ministry alleging the AAP received more than ₹7 crore foreign funds in contravention of the FCRA, official sources said Monday.

A reference was sent to MHA in August 2023 informing it about FCRA violations by AAP in receiving foreign funds and it is understood that the ED recently shared some fresh inputs in this case. AAP dismissed the allegations and asserted it was a political conspiracy to defame the party. "The BJP is set to lose all seats in Punjab and Delhi. They are deliberately targeting AAP. This is an old matter in which we have already clarified," Delhi Minister Atishi said.

Sources said the FCRA violation and other irregularities emerged during the investigation in a case registered in Fazilka district of Punjab against an international drugs cartel involved in the smuggling of heroin from Pakistan through the barbed fencing on the border.

In that case former Punjab AAP MLA Sukhpal Singh Khaira was made as an accused after some incriminating documents containing details of foreign donations were found by the ED. Khaira, who was with AAP at that time, was arrested by ED in 2021. He later joined Congress.

An official said the federal probe agency in its investigation came out with several instances of irregularities in collection of foreign funds by AAP and its leaders and accused some of them of siphoning the funds collected in Canada in 2016. The officer said that the probe agency substantiated the allegations through the contents of e-mails between volunteers and functionaries.

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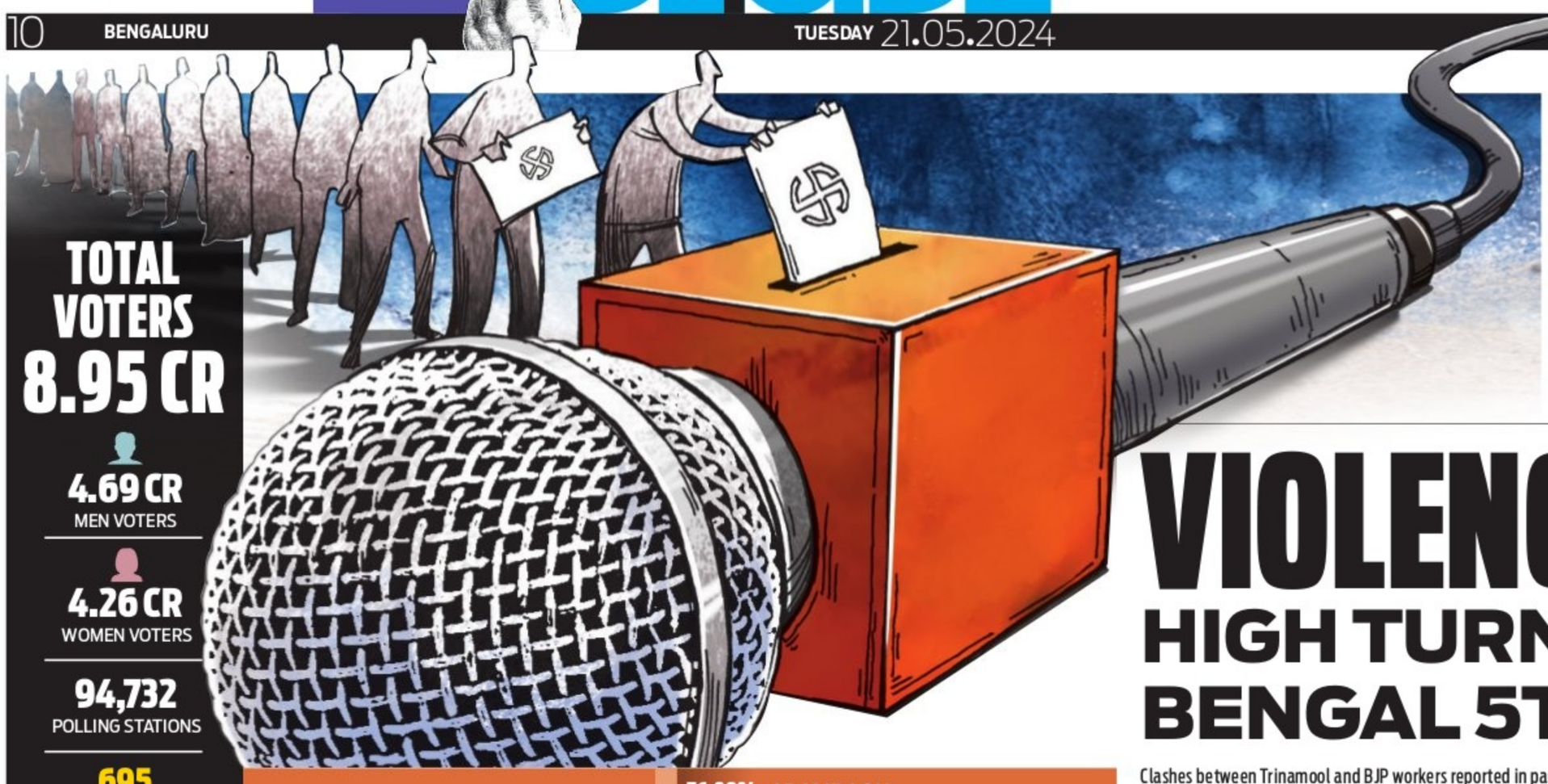
DECIDE

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	39	24	Mumbai	33	26
Bhopal	36	22	Panaji	33	25
Jaipur	37	24	Patna	38	24
Amritsar	34	18	Lucknow	37	20
Chennai	34	28	Port Blair	32	26
Kolkata	31	25	Imphal	29	18
Srinagar	23	08	Chandigarh	36	18



TOTAL VOTERS 8.95 CR

4.69 CR MEN VOTERS

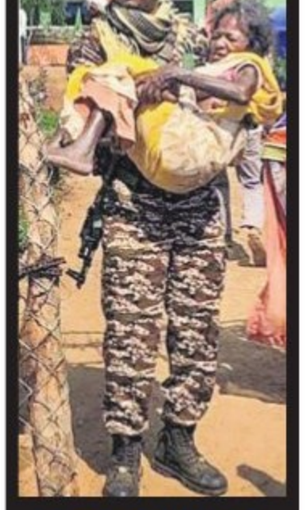
4.26 CR WOMEN VOTERS

94,732 POLLING STATIONS

695 CANDIDATES were in the fray in the fourth phase

POLLING FOR 25 STATES/UTS AND 428 PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED IN A SMOOTH AND PEACEFUL MANNER IN THE FIRST FIVE PHASES

THE ECI SAYS IT HAS PARTNERED WITH A HOST OF CELEBRITIES TO APPEAL TO AND MOTIVATE VOTERS TO CAST THEIR VOTES AND SO ONE SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF VOTERS RECEIVE A CALL FROM CRICKET LEGEND AND ECI NATIONAL ICON, SACHIN TENDULKAR, WITH AN APPEAL TO CAST YOUR VOTE!



2,000 FLYING SQUADS

2,105 STATIC SURVEILLANCE TEAMS, 881 VIDEO SURVEILLANCE TEAMS AND 502 VIDEO VIEWING TEAMS KEPT SURVEILLANCE ROUND THE CLOCK TO DEAL WITH ANY FORM OF INDUCEMENT OF VOTERS STRICTLY AND SWIFTLY.

17 SPECIAL TRAINS & 508 HELICOPTER

SORTIES FERRIED POLLING AND SECURITY PERSONNEL

216 INTERNATIONAL BORDER CHECK POSTS

AND 565 INTER-STATE BORDER CHECK POSTS KEPT STRICT VIGIL ON ANY ILLICIT FLOW OF LIQUOR, DRUGS, CASH AND FREEBIES. STRICT SURVEILLANCE HAS BEEN KEPT AT SEA AND AIR ROUTES ALSO

TOP FIVE CONSTITUENCIES WITH HIGH PERCENTAGE OF VOTES (WEST BENGAL)

76.90%	ARAMBAGH
75.73%	BANGAON
74.50%	ULUBERIA
71.18%	SRERAMPUR
74.17%	HOOGLY

BOTTOM FIVE CONSTITUENCIES WITH LOW PERCENTAGE OF VOTES (MAHARASHTRA)

41.70%	KALYAN
44.63%	MUMBAI SOUTH
46.77%	THANE
46.91%	MUMBAI NORTH
47.46%	MUMBAI N CENTRAL

BIHAR

Amid elaborate security arrangements, an estimated 55.85 percent of more than 95.11 lakhs electorate exercised their franchise during 5th phase of Lok Sabha elections in Bihar on Monday. Hajipur, Saran, Muzaffarpur, Madhubani and Sitarmhi went to the polls in the firth phase. 80 candidates including RJD chief Lalu Prasad's daughter Rohini Acharya from Saran and LJP founder late Ram Vilas Paswan's son Chirag Paswan from Hajipur are in the electoral fray. Other prominent candidates are sitting BJP MP from Saran Rajeev Pratap Rudy and Chairman of Bihar Legislative Council Devesh Chandra Thakur from Sitmarhi. Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Bihar H R Srinivasa said that polling passed off peacefully as no untoward incident was reported from anywhere in five constituencies. Electorate boycotted polling at booth number 79 in Aurai assembly segment and 140 in Gaighat assembly segment of Muzaffarpur Lok Sabha seat, he added.

VIOLENCE MARS HIGH TURNOUT IN BENGAL 5TH PHASE

Clashes between Trinamool and BJP workers reported in parts of Barrackpore, Aramabagh and Hooghly. In Barrackpore, BJP candidate Arjun Singh claimed Central forces were misguided by police. In Arambagh, clashes broke out between TMC and BJP over polling agents. Two live crude bombs were also recovered from the area by security personnel

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @ Kolkata

STRAY incidents of violence were reported in Phase-V polls for seven parliamentary constituencies in West Bengal, where the Election Commission reported a voter turnout of 73% till 5 pm on Monday. Clashes between Trinamool Congress and BJP workers were reported in parts of Barrackpore, Aramabagh and Hooghly.

In Barrackpore, BJP candidate Arjun Singh claimed that Central forces were misguided by the state police. He alleged intimidation of voters by TMC workers. In Khanakul area of Arambagh constituency, clashes broke out between supporters of TMC and BJP over polling agents. Two live crude bombs were also recovered from the area by security personnel.

TMC candidate Mitali Bag alleged BJP supporters unleashed a reign of terror and intimidated voters. BJP candidate Arup Kanti Digar, however, dismissed the allegations and blamed the TMC for violence. Reports of violence were also received from parts of the Howrah constituency. In the Liluah area of the constituency, the BJP accused TMC workers of booth jamming, leading to clashes.

In Bongaon constituency's Gayeshpur area, local BJP leader Subir Biswas was allegedly beaten up by TMC supporters outside a booth. He was later shifted to a hospital. In the Kalyani area of the same constituency, Union Minister and BJP candidate Shantanu Thakur caught a person using the identity card of his rival TMC candidate Biswajit Das inside a polling booth. As many as 88 candidates are in the fray in the fifth phase, with the highest number of 15 nominees in Bongaon, where Union Minister Shantanu Thakur is contesting against TMC's Biswajit Das. The EC designated over 57% of the polling stations as sensitive and deployed over 60,000 personnel of Central forces in addition to around 30,000 state policemen.

The number of security forces deployed for this phase surpasses any of the earlier four rounds of elections in the state. Meanwhile, CM Mamata Banerjee's youngest brother Swapan Banerjee could not cast his vote after his name was not found in the voters' list.

Lucknow records low turnout at 52%

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE voter turnout across 14 UP seats, which went to polls in the fifth phase, recorded to be a moderate 58 per cent on Monday. Voting also took place for the Lucknow East assembly by-poll. The polling began at 7 am and ended at 6 pm. According to UP Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Navdeep Rinwa, around 58 per cent of voting was recorded over 14 seats including the high-profile Rae Bareli, Amethi and Lucknow in the state till 6 pm.

However, the CEO claimed that the turnout figure was likely to be revised later. Monday's turnout is in sync with the fifth-phase turnout of 2019 which was a little over 58 per cent. While Amethi recorded 54.17 per cent turnout, Banda 59.46 per cent, Barabanki 66.89 per cent, Faizabad 58.96 per cent, Fatehpur 56.90 per cent, Gonda 51.45 per cent, Hamirpur 60.36 per cent, Jalaun 53.44 per cent, Jhansi 63.57 per cent, Kaisarganj 55.47 per cent, Kaushambi 52.60 per cent, Lucknow 52.03 per cent, Mohanlalganj 62.53 per cent and Rae Bareli 57.85 per cent, according to the Election Commission.

The polling percentage in the Lucknow East assembly constituency was around 52.25 per cent. "There was no violence anywhere in the state. About 250 complaints regarding slow voting and EVMs were received by the EC," Rinwa said.

In three booths in the Jhansi constituency in Lalitpur district, 100 per cent of polling was reported. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh (Lucknow), Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Irani (Amethi), Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Kaushal Kishor (Mohanlalganj), Minister of State for Consumer Affairs Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti (Fatehpur) and Union Minister of State for MSME Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma (Jalaun) are among those in the fray.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was in the fray from Raebareli. Over 2.71 crore voters were eligible to exercise their right to vote across 14 constituencies and 144 candidates were in fray.

In the Kaisarganj Lok Sabha constituency, the contest is between BJP's Karan Bhushan Singh, son of former MP and ex-president of Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, and SP's Bhagat Ram. The Faizabad Lok Sabha seat, which covers the Ayodhya, will see a contest between BJP MP Lallu Singh, who is eyeing a hat-trick, and Awadhesh Prasad, SP MLA.

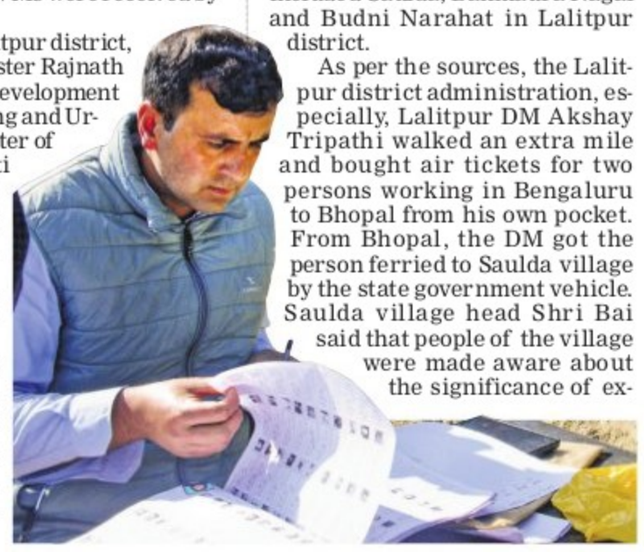
3 villages break the trends, record 100% turnout in UP

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

AMID the much hue and cry over the low voters' turnout across the country, voters of at least three villages of Lalitpur under Jhansi Lok Sabha constituency in Uttar Pradesh made a rare feat by recording 100 per cent turnout in fifth phase of Lok Sabha elections on Monday.

Jhansi voted under fifth phase and recorded 63.70 per cent over all voters' turnout. The three villages included Saulda, Bahmaura Nagal and Budni Narahat in Lalitpur district.

As per the sources, the Lalitpur district administration, especially, Lalitpur DM Akshay Tripathi walked an extra mile and bought air tickets for two persons working in Bengaluru to Bhopal from his own pocket. From Bhopal, the DM got the person ferried to Saulda village by the state government vehicle. Saulda village head Shri Bai said that people of the village were made aware about the significance of exercising their franchise.



"Villagers responded and a 100 percent voting percentage was recorded. It is due to the tireless efforts and initiative of our Block Development Officer (BDO) Saurabh Burnwal that arrangements were made to bring home two labourers from Bengaluru and 30 from Indore by flight and bus respectively. The DM spent ₹18,000 from his own pocket to get the voters to the village," Bai said.

Similarly, the remaining two other villages Bahmaura Nagal and Budni Narahat also in Lalitpur district voted cent per cent. While Bahmaura Nagal has 441 voters, including 235 males and 206 females, Budni Narahat has total 215 voters, including 116 males and 99 females.

Commending the turnout figure, Jhansi Commissioner Vimal Kumar Dubey appreciated the efforts of Lalitpur District Magistrate, village head and BDO. Chief Development Officer Kamalakant Pandey praised BDO Saurabh Burnwal for making efforts to achieve the feat.

In Jhansi Lok Sabha seat, the contest is between Anurag Sharma from BJP, Congress candidate Pradeep Jain and BSP's Ravi Kushwaha. This time 10 candidates are in the fray.

JHARKHAND

Despite Hazaribagh recording highest voter turnout among the three Lok Sabha seats during the second round of polling on Monday, none of the voters turned up on the two polling booths in Kusumbha village under Katkamdag Block as a way of protest against their unfulfilled demand. According to the villagers, they were demanding from the administration that a flyover should be built near Banadag Coal Sliding, but their demand has not been fulfilled so far. Therefore, nearly 2000 voters decided not to turn up for voting as a way of protest at the two polling booths – 183 and 184, of Kusumbha village. Not a single vote was cast on these two polling booths. The polling personnel returned empty handed as there was silence on the two polling booths throughout the day. Notably, the villagers had been requesting a bridge from NTPC authorities. The NTPC, however, is constructing an underpass, which the villagers find unsuitable for accessing drinking water, essential goods, medical services, and other day to day requirements.

ODISHA

Odisha recorded 48.95 per cent voter turnout till 3 pm in the polling for five Lok Sabha constituencies and 35 Assembly segments on Monday, officials said. Voting started at 7 am in Aska, Kandhamal, Bargarh, Bolangir and Sundergarh parliamentary constituencies along with 35 assembly segments within the jurisdiction of these Lok Sabha seats. Lok Sabha and Assembly elections are being held simultaneously in Odisha. Police claimed that there was no report of any untoward incident in any polling booth. However, Chief Electoral Officer N B Dhal said one presiding officer of a booth in Kantamal assembly segment was taken to custody by police after some irregularities were found at the polling station. Regarding the murder of a man near Sarsara under Sadar police limits in Bargarh district, the CEO said: "It is not a poll violence, but a crime incident had taken place outside the polling station. The local police have managed the situation as the incident created some tension in the booth. The polling was not affected in this incident," he said.

JAMMU & KASHMIR

After Srinagar, Baramulla Lok parliamentary seat in J&K witnessed record 59 % voter turnout, the highest in four decades. "The Baramulla parliamentary seat recorded 59 per cent voting," said Chief Election Officer, J&K, P K Pole. It is the highest poll percentage recorded in Baramulla parliamentary seat in last four decades. It is the second highest poll percentage recorded pre-militancy era. In 1984, the Baramulla LS seat had recorded 61.09% voting. Of the 2103 polling stations in the constituency, none recorded zero percent polling. People in Sopore town, which is the hometown of late separatist leader Syed Ali Geelani and used to witness very low voter turnout, came out to vote. "It is for the first time that I have voted in my life. And I am also a voter agent for the first time. It is for the first time that people are voting in this polling booth in Sopore," said a youth Javed Ahmed. He said earlier, only few votes used to be cast in Sopore but now there is interest and enthusiasm among the people, especially among youth.

LADAKH

Ladakh is the largest parliamentary constituency in India in terms of area and covers the two districts of Leh and Kargil. Lt Governor Brig (Dr) BD Mishra (retd) and his wife Neelam Mishra were among those who cast their votes at Skara Yokma in Leh. Well-known climate activist Sonam Wangchuk, who was in the news recently for leading a 66-day sit-in protest in Leh over demands such as safeguards under the 6th Schedule for Ladakh and statehood, cast his vote in Leh's Ulyaktopo village. "I have just voted and I am happy. I am also feeling sad because many people don't exercise their right to vote. Many leaders sacrificed a lot for this country. People should celebrate the festival of democracy," Wangchuk said. There are three candidates in the fray for the Ladakh Lok Sabha seat. While there are two candidates from the Buddhist-dominated Leh -- the BJP's Tashi Gyalson and the Congress' Tsering Namgyal -- Independent candidate Mohammad Haneefa Jan is the lone candidate from the Shia Muslim-dominated Kargil region.

OVERALL TURNOUT 57.47 %

Bihar (5 seats):	52.55%
Jammu & Kashmir (1 seat):	54.21%
Jharkhand (3 seats):	63.00%
Ladakh (1 seat):	67.15%
Maharashtra (13 seats):	48.88%
Odisha (5 seats):	60.72%
Uttar Pradesh (14 seats):	57.43%
West Bengal (7 seats):	73.00%

Voters' turnout at 49 Parliamentary constituencies in 8 states and Union Territories in the fifth phase till 7.45 PM

Oppn slams 'pathetic services' at booths

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

OVER 49% voting was recorded in the fifth and final phase of Lok Sabha elections for 13 seats in Maharashtra on Monday. According to the ECI, the scheduled caste reserved Dindori constituency witnessed the highest 57.07% voting. The lowest at 41.07% voting was reported from the Kalyan seat where Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's son Dr Shreekant Shinde is a candidate.

As per EC, Bhiwandi reported 49.43% voting, Dhule (57.06%), Kalyan, 46.91% in North Mumbai, 47.46% in Mumbai North Central, 49.79% in Mumbai North West, 43.63% in South Mumbai, 48.80% in Mumbai South central, 51.16% in Nasik, 54.31% in Palghar, and 48.4% in Thane.

A technical glitch in EVMs was reported resulting in long queues of voters before polling booths.

Opposition parties slammed the EC for pathetic services at several booths. Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Aditya Thackeray said on X: "An agency that boasts about one nation, one poll cannot conduct an election process that is smooth in even one constituency, forget the entire city. Citizens have complained about heat, suffocation in booths, possibly purposeful slow voting.

There were no separate queues for senior citizens and pregnant women at many booths. The absence of fans, water and shade angered the citizens at many places. "We Mumbaikars stepped out to vote, but your pathetic management, including purposeful voter suppression methods, tried to keep us away from booths," said a voter. Industrialists and Bollywood personalities came out for voting in their constituencies. Several videos went viral on social media which showed people standing in queues in scorching heat.

Uddhav Thackeray criticised the poll panel, saying "people were standing in the queue in the scorching heat. Arrangements were lacking for senior citizens. The system and services were discouraging for the voters. It was not expected from the EC," he said.

Shinde voted along with his family members at a booth in Thane, which is his political turf. Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis said he requested the EC to look into complaints about a slow pace of voting in Mumbai.

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(CD 2) Smt. Kum.J.S.Asha D/o J.M.Sivalinge Gowda, R/at Jogamana Hosahalli, T.Bekuppe Post, Kasaba hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramnagar District, Karnataka
(CD 3) Sri.J.S.Shivakumar S/o J..Shivalinge Gowda R/at Jogamana Hosahalli, T.Bekuppe Post, Kasabahobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramnagar District Karnataka
(CD 4) Smt. Kum. J.S. Thanuja D/o J.M.Shivalinge Gowda R/at Jogamana Hosahalli, T.Bekuppe Post, Kasaba hobli, Kanakapura Taluk Ramnagar District Karnataka
....Certificate Debtors

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2) in **TA/1043/2017** an amount of **Rs.1496514 (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Ninety Six Thousands Five Hundred Fourteen Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest @ 14.25 % Compound Interest Half-yearly w.e.f. 09/06/2015 till realization and costs of **Rs 17005 (Rupees Seventeen Thousands Five Only)** has become due against you jointly and severally. Further, penal interest @2% p.a. is also applicable/payable. 2. You are hereby directed topay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under. 3. You are hereby ordered todeclare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing. 4. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this **date: 02/12/2023.**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT 2)

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: **"Rule 16(1)** where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment". 3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 year.

Can Fin Homes Ltd
(Sponsor: CANARA BANK)
"SAJINI", # 69 (Old No.35)
Ground Floor, 12th Main
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Mob:7625079101, Ph: 080-26630501
E-mail Id: jayanagar@canfinhomes.com
CIN:L85110KA1987PLC008699
JAYANAGAR BRANCH

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of "The Securitisation and reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No. 54 of 2002)"

To
1.Borrower : Nagaraj J S/o Dasappa Javaraiah. No-164 Maheshwari Nagar Archehalli Vadarapallya Kodipalya Subranyapura Bangalore-560061
2.Co-borrower : Sharadhamma W/o Nagaraj J. No-164 Maheshwari Nagar Archehalli Vadarapallya Kodipalya Subranyapura Bangalore-560061
3. Guarantor: Mr.V.Raghavendra, S/o Veerabdhraiah 15th cross Dwarakanagar, Hoskerehalli,Bangalore-560085.
4. Guarantor: Mr.N.Sachin Raj, S/o Nagaraj J, 120, Kodipalya Kengeri Main Road, Arehalli Subramanya Pura Post, Bangalore-560061.
No. 1& 2 amongst you have availed a housing loan from our branch against the security of mortgage of the following asset belonging to No. 1 Amongst you. An amount of **Rs.19,88,617/-** (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Seventeen Only) is due from you to Can Fin Homes Ltd. as on 06.05.2024 together with future interest at the contracted rate.
Details of the Mortgaged Asset: Residential Property Bearing Site No.95 Katha No.148/1 Sy No.148/1 Bheemanakuppe village. Ramohalli Grama panchayth. kengeri Hobli. Bangalore South taluk -560062, Measuring East To West :30 feet, North To South :40 feet, Residential building Consisting of Ground floor , First floor, Second floor and Thereon Bounded on,North: Road , South: Road. East : Site no.94, West : Site no.96.
Registered demand notice was sent to Nos. 1 & 2 amongst you under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, but the same was returned unserved. The undersigned has, therefore, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known addresses of the said Borrower/s as per the said Act. Hence this paper publication .As you havef ailed toad here to the terms of the sanction,the account is classified as a Non Performing Asset on **30.04.2024** as per the NHB Guidelines. You are hereby called upon to pay the above said amount with contracted rate of interest thereon from **06.05.2024** within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which the undersigned will be constrained to Initiate action under SARFAESI Act to enforce the afore said security. Further, the attention of borrowers / guarantors is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them to redeem the secured assets.

Sd/-
Place : Bengaluru
Date :20.05.2024
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients being the legal heirs of late Mohammed Ghouse S/o late Mohammed Yousuf are the absolute owners in possession of the 'Schedule Property' for 53 years. Recently my clients have learnt that few miscreants having no manner of rights or possession in the schedule property have been making hectic attempts to alienate or create third party rights in respect of the 'Schedule Property' based on bogus documents to make illegal gains.
Any alienation of the schedule property if made by any person would not confer any right or interest in the alienee/s over the Schedule Property'
Hence, the general public is hereby warned not to enter into any transactions with any person claiming through or under anyone in respect of the 'Schedule Property'.
If any person/s enters or already entered into any transaction in respect of 'Schedule Property', the same shall neither be valid in law nor bind my clients.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the land bearing site #10, Survey # 10/2, old #62(88), 1st Cross, 4th Main, Adi Kabir Ashram, Near Meena Masjid, Mattadahalli, R.T Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032. Measuring East to West 20 feet and North to South 30 feet and totally measuring 600 square feet, bounded on :
East by : Shahzamani Begum House, West by : Road, East by : Road, North by : Constructed house in site #89.

Ravi .H.K, Advocate
Kantharaja & Associates,
No.201, 2nd Floor, Kurubara Sangha Building, Golden Jubilee Block, 1st Main, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009.
Ph : 9964543939

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby informed that my Clients, **Prof. Nagasuma Chandra,** W/o. Satish Chandra, aged about 58 years and **Dr. Satish Chandra,** S/o. Late. A. Bhima Rao, aged about 64 years, both residing at D2, 8, Old No. 247, 3rd Main Road, Mahalakshmi Layout, Bangalore –560086, did enter into an Agreement of Sale dated 06/01/2024 with **Mr. A. Hari Krishna,** S/o. Late. A. Vidya Ranya, aged about 52 Years, and **Mrs. M. Anuradha,** W/o. Mr. A. Harikrishna, aged about 50 years, both residing at 31/1, 6th Main, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560003 registered before the Sub Registrar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore on 12/01/2024 in respect of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential Apartment bearing No. **H-506 in Fifth Floor of 'H – WING – PHOENIX IN 'BRIGADE GATEWAY'** built in the property measuring 36,163.87 square meters, forming portion of vacant land bearing Municipal Nos. 26 and 26/1, New No. 26/1, situated in Industrial Suburb, 'A' Block, Subramanyanagar, Municipal Ward No. 9, Rajajinagar Extension (Malleswaram West), Bangalore and measuring **1960 square feet** of built up area, **400 square feet** of proportionate share in common areas.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that, I **Smt.NIRMALA KUMARI D/o Late Ranga Rao,** Aged about 44 years, R/a No.2792/3, 1st Main, 1st cross, Pampapathi Road, Jayanagar, Mysore-570014 executed two registered General Power of Attorney's the said GPA's were registered as **1)** GPA registered as No.VJN-4-00066-2023-24 in book IV, stored in CD as No.VJND1344 dated 03-06-2023 registered in office of the Sub-Registrar, Vijaynagar Bangalore and another **2)** GPA registered as No.VJN-4-00067-2023-24 in book IV stored in CD No.VJND1344 dated 03-06-2023 and registered in office of the Sub-Registrar Vijaynagar Bangalore in favour of **M/s POOJA LIFE SPAACES PRIVATE LIMITED No.3, Vania street, Kundrathur, Chennai-600069,** who undertook to do certain documentation and developmental work to my properties Item **No.1** land bearing Sy No.148pt situated at Kudlu Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bangalore Rural District, measuring **10 Acres** and item **No.2** land bearing **Sy No.43pt** situated at Kambipura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk Bangalore District measuring **13 Acres 20 Guntas,** It is further informed that after laps of 10 months my attorney didn't do any of the work entrusted to it in the above mentioned GPA's inspite of repeated reminders and phone calls, therefore I decided to withdraw the power's given to **M/s POOJA LIFE SPAACES PRIVATE LIMITED** by cancelling both the GPA's and I have already issued 3 notices and in the process of cancelling the GPA's, Wherefore I inform general public that from the date of this paper publication any person/s company/s negotiate with regard to sale or sale agreement or any other transactions with **M/s POOJA LIFE SPAACES PRIVATE LIMITED based on the above mentioned GPA's will not be binding on me or I am as way concerned, any such transaction with regard to my schedule properties.**

Smt.NIRMALA KUMARI D/o Late Ranga Rao,
R/a No.2792/3, 1st Main, 1st cross,
Pampapathi Road, Jayanagar, Mysore-570014

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that, We, **1) Smt.RANGANAYAKI W/o Late Bhaskar Rao, 2) Smt.GAYATHRI BAI D/o late Bhaskar Rao, Nos.1 and 2 both are R/a No.1271/2, 8th Main, K.N.Layout, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore-560022 and 3) Latha bayi, D.No.2891, 5th main Banashankari 2nd stage, Bangalore.** we executed a registered General Power of Attorney the said GPA registered as No.VJN-4-00068-2023-24 in book IV, stored in CD as No.VJND1344 dated 03-06-2023 registered in office of the Sub-Registrar, Vijaynagar Bangalore in favour of **M/s POOJA LIFE SPAACES PRIVATE LIMITED No.3, Vania street, Kundrathur, Chennai-600069,** who undertook to do certain documentation and developmental work to our land bearing Sy No.148pt situated at Kudlu Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bangalore Rural District, measuring 10 Acres, it is further informed that after laps of 10 months our attorney didn't do any of the work entrusted to them in the above mentioned GPA, inspite of repeated reminders and phone calls, therefore we decided to withdraw the power's given to M/s POOJA LIFE SPAACES PRIVATE LIMITED by cancelling the GPA dated 03-06-2023 and we have already issued 3 notices and we are in the process of cancelling the GPA. wherefore we inform general public that from the date of this paper publication any person/s company/s who negotiate with regard to sale or sale agreement or any other transaction with M/s POOJA LIFE SPAACES PRIVATE LIMITED based on the above mentioned GPA will not be binding on us or we no way concerned to any such transaction with regard to our schedule property.

1) Smt.RANGANAYAKI W/o Late Bhaskar Rao,
2) Smt.GAYATHRI BAI D/o late Bhaskar Rao, Nos.1 and 2 both are R/a No.1271/2, 8th Main, K.N.Layout, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore-560022
3) Latha bayi, D.No. 2891, 5th main, Banashankari 2nd stage, Bangalore.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
Specialised SME Hosakote Branch
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DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]

NOTICE TO BORROWER/GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of the **Canara Bank,** Specialised SME Hosakote **Branch,** under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2)of Chapter-3 of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice/s on below mentioned date, calling upon the following borrower/s/ Guarantor/s to repay the dues within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Name of the Borrower/Co-Borrowers: 1.Mr.Adams Kevin Gautam (Borrower),S/o Peran Hussain,Flat No.101, Shanti Castle Apartments, Plot No.110, Gafoor Nagar, Madhapur, K V Ranga Reddy, Telengana–500081, Mobile No -9052358899, **2.Mr. Rajavel Vadivel** (Guarantor), HNO 14, Green Wale Royal Town, Mathigiri, Hosur - 635110, Mobile No 9442486586

Sl. No	Loan Number	Nature of Loan/ Limit	Date of Sanction	Amount
1	160000138379	Housing Loan	19.08.2021	Rs.43,97,000/-

Total Liabilities as on **30.04.2024** : **Rs.43,04,360/-** (Rupees Forty Three lakhs Four Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Only) + further interest and incidental expenses and costs.
Details of Security Assets : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing converted New Sy no 26/4, Old Sy No 26/3 (Converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide conversion certificate bearing No ALN(EKHW) SR:53/2015-16 dated 22.08.2017, issued by the deputy Commissioner, Bangalore district) totally measuring 20 guntas together with one point eight guntas of kharab land situated at Kodigehalli village, K R Puram Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above surface and the entire land measuring 20 guntas and bounded by East : Road , West : Land in Sy. No 26/2 belongs to Parameshwarappa, North : Land in Sy. No 26/3 belongs to K. S. Nagendrareddy, South : Land in Sy. No 27 belongs to Nanjundareddy
With 198 Sqft of undivided share of right, title and interest in the land of the above property.
Flat bearing No.306, Block B, in the third floor of the apartment building known as JAI PARK SQUARE having a super built up area of 1300 Sq Ft and carpet area 721 Sq Ft containing two bedrooms along with one covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common area such as passages, lobbies, staircase etc.
Name of the Title holder: Mr. Adams Kevin Gautam S/o. Peeran Hussain
Date of NPA: 22.04.2024 **Demand Notice Date:02.05.2024**

The above borrowers committed default of repayment of loans as above and the loans are duly secured by way of mortgage of property described as above and were classified as Non Performing Assets on various dates mentioned as above. The Bank issued Registered notice to all the above borrower/Guarantors under Section 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, (SARFAESI Act) calling upon them to repay the outstanding amount. We now call upon to pay the above mentioned liability with further interest and cost accrued till date within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which, Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as per Section 13(4) (a) to (b) of SARFAESI act 2002 against the secured assets given in the schedule above. The above borrower/s in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the above properties and restrained from dealing in term of Section 13 (13) of SARFAESI Act 2002 and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for the accounts mentioned above with further interest and cost, expenses thereon.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 02.05.2024
Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
Nelamangala-II Branch
No.3385/3388,
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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE TO BORROWER/ GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of the **Canara Bank, Nelamangala-II Branch,** Bengaluru under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2)of Chapter-3 of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice/s on below mentioned date, calling upon the following borrower/s/ Guarantor/s to repay the dues within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Name of the Borrower: 1. Newton Technologies, No. 02, Samrudhi Building, 2nd Main,Madavara, Dasanapura,Bangalore North,Bengaluru-560073, Karnataka, Ph : 6363817769 / 7795676389, **2. Krishna G Lamani (Proprietor),** C/o Giriyappa, No 542, 1st Floor, Rai Niketan , 1st Cross, Behind Jindal Factory, Prakruthi Layout, Ancheplaya, Bengaluru-560073, Karnataka, Ph : 6363817769 / 7795676389, **3. Ramananda Naik (Guarantor)** S/o Ramani Naik, #1015, 2nd Main Road, 3rd Block, Opp Nagasandra Church, HMT Layout, Bangalore-560073. Ph : 9980366980 / 8277278980

Sl. No	Loan Number	Nature of Loan/ Limit	Date of Sanction	Amount
1	04909450001143	Term Loan	03-08-2020	Rs. 1,00,00,000/-
2	04901400000446	Overdraft	03-08-2020	Rs. 1,30,00,000/-

Total Liability as on 02.05.2024 :**Rs. 2,27,79,422.60** (Rupees Two Crores twenty seven lakhs seventy nine thousand four hundred and twenty two rupees and sixty paisa Only) together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.
Details of Security Assets : All that piece and parcel of Residential property bearing site no. 561,"A" Block , HIG-1 Sector, in the residential layout formed by Karnataka Housing Board known as "SURYANAGAR – II Phase" at Hinnakki Village, Jigani Hobali, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District bearing Village Panchayath Khatha No 301/A/HIG 1/561, E-Khatha No 150200103200721983 and the site measuring East to West 18 meters,North to South 12 meters in all measuring 216 Square meters and bounded on the BOUNDARIES: East : Site Number 555 & 55 4 MIG West: 12.00 meter wide Road, North: Site No. 562 HIG-1, South: Site No. 560 HIG-1
Name of the Title deed holder:Sri Ramananda Naik
Date of NPA: 28.04.2024 **Demand Notice Date:03.05.2024**

The above borrowers committed default of repayment of loans as above and the loans are duly secured by way of mortgage of property described as above and were classified as Non Performing Assets on various dates mentioned as above. The Bank issued Registered notice to all the above borrower/Guarantors under Section 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, (SARFAESI Act) calling upon them to repay the outstanding amount. We now call upon to pay the above mentioned liability with further interest and cost accrued till date within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which, Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as per Section 13(4) (a) to (b) of SARFAESI act 2002 against the secured assets given in the schedule above. The above borrower/s in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the above properties and restrained from dealing in term of Section 13 (13) of SARFAESI Act 2002 and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for the accounts mentioned above with further interest and cost, expenses thereon.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 03.05.2024
Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

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Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties (Appendix IV-A)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/ charged to Bank of Maharashtra, the physical possession of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Maharashtra, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **06/06/2024,** for recovery of the balance due to the Bank of Maharashtra from the Borrower(s) as mentioned in the table. Details of Borrower/s, amount due, Short description of the immovable property and encumbrances known thereon, possession type, reserve price and the earnest money deposit are also given as under -

Sr. No.	Name and address of Borrower/s	Outstanding dues as on 19/05/2024	Short description of immovable property / Possession Type / Encumbrances known to the bank		Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit
1.	**Asset Recovery Branch : (M - 8292940000) Borrower/s : Mr. Gurumurthy K M Mrs. Janaki** Both resided at #32/747, 24th Cross, Malagala, Opp Sunethra Garments, Bangalore North, Viswaneedam, Bangalore - 560 091	**Rs. 70,63,119.00 (Rupees Seventy Lakh Sixty Three Thousand One Hundred Nineteen Only)** plus further interest w.e.f. 20.05.2024 plus all costs, penalty, charges and expenses or other incidental charges thereof.	Residential House Property bearing Northern Portion of Property No.43, Khatha No.21/1 admeasuring area East to West-34 ft. and North to South-20 ft. i.e. total area 680 sq. ft. together with built up area of 480 sq. ft. in Ground Floor and 260 sq. ft. in 1st Floor RCC roofed building constructed thereon lying and situated at New Ward No.161, Municipal No.43, 7th Main Road, Hosakerehalli Layout, Banashankari, 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560 085 and the property is butted and bounded as follows- On or towards North : By Property No.34; On or towards South : By Southern portion of Property No.43; On or towards East : By Property No.44 & On or towards West : By 7th Main Road.	**Rs. 34.00 Lakh** / **Rs. 3.40 Lakh**
			Physical	NIL	

- **Date of E-Auction & Time : 06/06/2024 between 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm.**
- **Property Inspection Date & Time : 03/06/2024 to 05/06/2024 with prior appointment.**
- **Last Date & Time for submission of Bid/EMD : 05/06/2024 upto 5.00 pm.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in website of Bank of Maharashtra i.e. "https://www.bankofmaharashtra.in/properties for sale"; "https://ibapi.in", and "www.mstcecommerce.com".

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002
The borrower/s above named are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date : 20/05/2024
Place : Bangalore
Sd/- Authorized Officer Bank of Maharashtra, ARC, Bangalore Zone

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IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, BENGALURU
No. 01, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bangalore-560 001
O. A. No. 812/2023

Between:
Bank of Baroda, Banashankari Branch ....Applicant
And:
Mr. K. M. Vasanthkumar ....Defendant

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 TO DEFENDANTS THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION

To,
Mr. K. M. Vasanthkumar, S/o. Late. K. R. Murthy, Aged about 40 Years, R/at. No. 61/A, 2nd Cross, 4th Main, Adhichuchungiri Layout, Maruthi Nagar, Herohalli, Bangalore-560 091
Also at: No. 9/1, Meenarvamill, Behind Houses, Gopalpura, Syndicate Bank, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560 023.
Whereas, the applicant Bank has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of the Debts Due to Banks and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against you for the recovery of sum of **Rs.53,40,129.61 (Fifty-Three Lakhs, Forty Thousand, One Hundred and Twenty-Nine Rupees and Sixty-One Paisa)** with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. You hereby required to show-cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before **30.07.2024** at **10.30 AM** in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in default of appearance, on the day mentioned herein above, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble Tribunal on: **19/03/2024**

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal - II Bangalore

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Declaration about Criminal antecedents of candidates set up by the party

(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No.536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name of Political Party : **INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS PARTY**
* Name of Election : **GENERAL ELECTION TO MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FROM SOUTH – WEST TEACHERS CONSTITUENCY, JUNE – 2024**
Name of State/~~UT~~ : **KARNATAKA**

1	2	3	4		5	
Sl. No.	Name of candidate	Name of constituency	Pending criminal cases		Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences	
			Name of Court, case No. & status of the case(s)	Sections of the Acts concerned & brief description of offence(s)	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed
1	**MANJUNATH KUMAR. K.K**	**SOUTH – WEST TEACHERS CONSTITUENCY**	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Mayohall Unit, Bangalore. Case No. C.C.No. 55927/2016, 55930/2016, 55934/2016 & C.C.No. 55935/2016 Charges framed - Cheque Bounce Case, Convicted in all the above four cases, Court Order dated 26-11-2021	U/s 138 of Negotiable Instrument Act, Cheque Bounce Case 1) Case No. C.C.No. 55927/2016 Claim Amount of Rs. 3,31,000/- to be paid. In case of default 5 months simple imprisonment & he has gone for appeal before the Appellate Court. 2) Case No. C.C.No. 55930/2016 Claim Amount of Rs. 4,45,100/- to be paid. In case of default 5 months simple imprisonment & he has gone for appeal before the Appellate Court. 3) Case No. C.C.No. 55934/2016 Claim Amount of Rs. 3,31,000/- to be paid. In case of default 5 months simple imprisonment & he has gone for appeal before the Appellate Court. 4) Case No. C.C.No. 55935/2016 Claim Amount of Rs. 3,14,700/- to be paid. In case of default 5 months simple imprisonment & he has gone for appeal before the Appellate Court.

* In the case of election to Council of states or election to Legislative Council by MLAs, mention the election concerned in place of name of constituency.

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Killed in a 'foiled coup' in Congo, army says

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • WI: Windy • HR: Heavy Rain • SN: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	27	17	SNY	Los Angeles	19	12	SNY
Colombo	33	27	SNY	Melbourne	17	8	SNY
Dhaka	39	28	SNY	Moscow	21	12	LR
Dubai	31	26	SNY	New York	16	6	SNY
Houston	29	23	LC	Singapore	33	27	LC
Istanbul	20	13	SNY	Toronto	12	8	SNY
London	12	6	LC	Washington	15	10	LC

- First vice president named caretaker prez; fresh elections to be held within 50 days
- Hardliner Ebrahim Raisi to be buried on Thursday in Mashhad where he was born
- Nuclear negotiator Ali Bahadori Jahromi appointed as caretaker foreign minister

Mokhber interim Iran prez as Raisi dies in air crash

DUBAI

IRANIAN President Ebrahim Raisi, the country's foreign minister, Hossein Amirabdollahian, and others were found dead on Monday at the site of a helicopter crash after an hours-long search through a foggy, mountainous region of the country's northwest, state media reported.

State TV gave no immediate cause for the crash on Sunday in Iran's East Azerbaijan province. With Raisi were Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian, the governor of Iran's East Azerbaijan province and other officials, as well as three crew members, the state-run *IRNA* news agency reported. Turkish authorities early Monday released what they described as drone footage showing what appeared to be a fire in the wilderness that they "suspected to be wreckage of a helicopter." The coordinates listed in the footage put the fire some 20 km south of the Azerbaijan-Iranian border on the side of a steep mountain.

Footage released by *IRNA* showed what it described as the crash site, across a steep valley in a green mountain range. Soldiers speaking in the local Azeri language said: "There it is, we found it." Shortly after that, state TV in an on-screen scrolling text said: "There is no sign of life from people on board."

Under the Iranian constitution, Iran's vice first president takes over if the president dies, with Khamenei's assent, and a new presidential election would be called within 50 days.

Khamenei's condolence message Monday over Raisi's death, declared five days of public mourning and acknowledged Mokhber had taken the role of acting president.

A hard-liner who formerly led the country's judiciary, Raisi was viewed as a prot'g' of Khamenei and some analysts had suggested he could replace the 85-year-old leader after Khamenei's death or resignation. Raisi won Iran's 2021 presidential election, a vote that saw the lowest turnout in the Islamic Republic's history. Raisi is sanctioned by the US in part over his involvement in the mass execution of thousands of political prisoners in 1988 at the end of the bloody Iran-Iraq war.

Under Raisi, Iran now enriches uranium at nearly weapons-grade levels and hampers international inspections. Iran has armed Russia in its war on Ukraine, as well as launched a massive drone-and-missile attack on Israel amid its war against Hamas in the Gaza Strip. It also has continued arming proxy groups in the Mideast, like Yemen's Houthi rebels and Lebanon's Hezbollah. Meanwhile, mass protests in the country have raged for years. The most recent involved the 2022 death of Mahsa Amini, a woman who had been earlier detained over allegedly not wearing a hijab, or headscarf, to the liking of authorities. *AP*

Rescue team members work at the scene of the helicopter crash in Varzaghan in northwestern Iran on Monday | AP

New president ran mega trusts with huge assets

DUBAI

IRAN's first Vice President Mohammad Mokhber was appointed acting president of the Islamic Republic on Monday.

Mokhber, 68, has largely been in the shadows compared to other politicians in Iran's Shiite theocracy. Raisi's death on Sunday thrust Mokhber into public view. He is expected to serve as caretaker president for some 50 days before mandatory presidential elections in Iran.

Mohammad Mokhber

Despite his low-key public profile, Mokhber has held prominent positions within the country's power structure, particularly in its bonyads, or charitable foundations. Those groups were fueled by donations or assets seized after Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution, particularly those previously associated with Iran's shah or those in his government.

Mokhber oversaw a bonyad known in English as the Execution of Imam Khomeini's Order, or EIKO, referring to the late Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

The US Treasury said the organization oversaw billions of dollars in assets as "a business juggernaut under the direct supervision of Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei that has a stake in nearly every sector of the Iranian economy, including energy, telecommunications, and financial services."

"EIKO has systematically violated the rights of dissidents by confiscating land and property from opponents of the regime, including political opponents, religious minorities, and exiled Iranians," Treasury said in 2021 in sanctioning Mokhber. The European Union also sanctioned Mokhber for a time with others over concerns then about Iran's nuclear program.

Mokhber previously worked in banking and telecommunications. *AP*

New President Lai Ching-te waves | AP

Taiwan new President Lai asks China to end threats

TAIPEI

TAIWAN's new president Lai Ching-te said in his inauguration speech on Monday that he wants peace with China and urged it to stop its military threats and intimidation of the self-governed island that Beijing claims as its own territory. "I hope that China will face the reality of (Taiwan)'s existence, respect the choices of the people of Taiwan, and in good faith, choose dialogue over confrontation," Lai said after being sworn into office.

Lai pledged to "neither yield nor provoke" Beijing and said he sought peace in relations with China.

But he emphasised the island democracy is determined to defend itself "in the face of the many threats and attempts at infiltration from China."

Lai's party, the Democratic Progressive Party, doesn't seek independence from China but maintains that Taiwan is already a sovereign nation.

The Chinese office in charge of Taiwan affairs criticised Lai's inauguration speech as promoting "the fallacy of separatism," inciting confrontation and relying on foreign forces to seek independence.

"We will never tolerate or condone any form of 'Taiwan independence' separatist activities," said Chen Binhua, spokesperson of the Taiwan Affairs Office of China's State Council. "No matter how the situation on the island changes, no matter who is in power, it cannot change the fact that both sides of the Taiwan Strait belong to one China ... and cannot stop the historical trend of the motherland's eventual reunification," Chen said.

The Chinese Ministry of Commerce on Monday also announced sanctions against Boeing and two other defense companies for arms sales to Taiwan. *AP*

ICC prosecutor seeks arrest of Netanyahu, Hamas leaders

JERUSALEM

THE chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court said on Monday he is seeking arrest warrants for leaders of Israel and Hamas, including Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, over actions taken during their seven-month war. While Netanyahu and his defense minister, Yoav Gallant, do not face imminent arrest, the announcement by ICC Chief Prosecutor Karim Khan was a symbolic blow that deepened Israel's isolation over the war in Gaza.

Khan accused Netanyahu, Gallant, and three Hamas leaders — Yehia Sinwar, Mohammed Deif and Ismail Haniyeh — of war crimes and crimes against humanity in the Gaza Strip and Israel.

A panel of three judges will consider the prosecutor's evidence and determine whether to issue the arrest warrants and allow a case to proceed. The judges typically take two months to make such decisions. Israel is not a member of the court, so even if the arrest warrants are issued, Netanyahu and Gallant do not face any immediate risk of prosecution.

But Khan's announcement deepens Israel's isolation as it presses ahead in Gaza, and the threat of arrest could make it difficult for the Israeli leaders to travel abroad.

Israeli Foreign Minister Israel Katz said the chief prosecutor's decision against its leaders is "a historic disgrace that will be remembered forever." He said he would work with world leaders to ensure that any such warrants are not enforced on Israel's leaders.

Hamas, which is considered a terrorist group by the West, also denounced the ICC prosecutor's request to arrests its leaders. Benny Gantz, a former military chief and member of Israel's War Cabinet with Netanyahu and Gallant, harshly criticized Khan's announcement, saying Israel fights with "one of the strictest" moral codes, respects international law and has a robust judiciary capable of investigating itself.

"The State of Israel is waging one of the just wars fought in modern history following a reprehensible massacre perpetrated by terrorist Hamas on the 7th of October," he said.

Still, Netanyahu has come under heavy pressure at home to end the war sooner than later. Thousands of Israelis have joined weekly demonstrations calling on the government to reach a deal to bring home Israeli hostages in Hamas captivity. *AP*

Ismail Haniyeh | Yehia Sinwar | B Netanyahu | Yoav Gallant

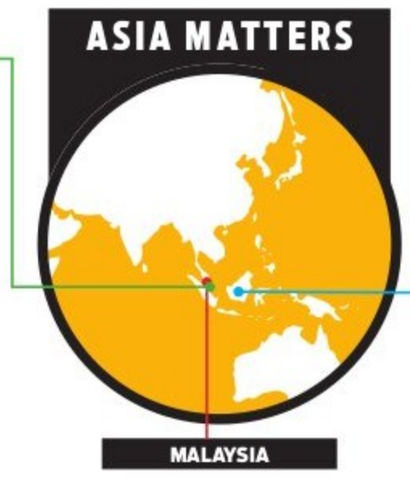
WAR WATCH
ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 227

GAZA TOLL SO FAR
37,206

Pro-Gaza protesters at Drexel University

Pro-Palestinian protesters ignored a request by Drexel University's president to disband their encampment on Monday. Drexel's campus remained on lockdown.

ASIA MATTERS



SINGAPORE

150 DRUG OFFENDERS NABBED

More than 150 suspected drug offenders were nabbed – with the youngest aged 14 – in a 12-day operation during which narcotics with a street value of about $221,000 were seized, *The Straits Times* reported. The raids, which took place from May 6 to May 17, covered areas such as Ang Mo Kio, Bukit Batok, Fernvale, Geylang Bahru, Hougang, Pasir Ris, Sembawang, Teck Whye and Yishun, said the Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB) in a statement on May 20. The drugs seized included about 937g of heroin, 376g of crystal methamphetamine, or Ice, and 161g of cannabis.

MALAYSIA

FLIGHT CREW MEMBER DIES

Malaysian Airline has confirmed that one of its crew members has died during a stopover in Tokyo, *The Star* reported. "Malaysia Airlines confirms the passing of a member of its cabin crew, Norzana Hanim Hamzah earlier today. Norzana was on duty to Tokyo, Narita, and was scheduled to operate the return flight to Kuala Lumpur Monday," it said.

INDONESIA

RETIREMENT AGE OF POLICE MAY BE RAISED

Lawmakers are mulling over raising the retirement age for police officers through a revision to the prevailing police law. But experts say there is no urgency for this, saying lawmakers should instead correct underlying problems in the force, such as its lack of accountability, *The Jakatra Post* reported. Reports of a potential revision to the 2002 Police Law first emerged last week, just as the House of Representatives returned from a five-week-long recess. Member of the House Legislation Body Guspardi Gaus said that experts was still mulling the contents of the bill.

Court disqualifies Zuma from contesting elections

CAPE TOWN

FORMER South African President Jacob Zuma was disqualified on Monday from running for a seat in Parliament in a national election next week because of a previous criminal conviction.

The decision by the country's highest court is bound to raise political tensions ahead of what might be a pivotal vote for Africa's most advanced economy. The Constitutional Court said that a section of the constitution disqualifying people from standing for Parliament if they've been sentenced to more than 12 months in prison without the option of a fine does apply to the 82-year-old former leader. Zuma was sentenced to 15 months in prison in 2021 by the Constitutional Court for contempt for refusing to testify at a judicial inquiry into government corruption.

Zuma cannot serve as a lawmaker until five years after that criminal sentence was completed, the Johannesburg-based Constitutional Court said. The ruling came nine days ahead of the May 29 election.

Zuma once led South Africa's ruling African National Congress party but was forced out as its leader in 2017 and resigned as president in 2018 under a cloud of corruption allegations. He returned to politics late last year with a new party and renewed his fierce criticism of the ANC and current President Cyril Ramaphosa, the man who replaced him as both party leader and the country's president.

"This is the highest court in the land and we can't challenge this decision," said Sihle Ngubane of MK Party. *AP*

Infected blood scandal may have killed 3K in UK

LONDON

BRITISH authorities and the country's public health service knowingly exposed tens of thousands of patients to deadly infections through contaminated blood and blood products, and hid the truth about the disaster for decades, an inquiry into the UK's infected blood scandal found on Monday.

An estimated 3,000 people in the United Kingdom are believed to have died and many others were left with lifelong illnesses after receiving blood or blood products tainted with HIV or hepatitis in the 1970s to the early 1990s.

The scandal is widely seen as the deadliest disaster in the history of Britain's state-run National Health Service since its inception in 1948.

Former judge Brian Langstaff, who chaired the inquiry, slammed successive governments and medical professionals for "a catalogue of failures" and refusal to admit responsibility to save face and expense. He found that deliberate attempts were made to conceal the scandal, and there was evidence of government officials destroying documents. "This disaster was not an accident. The infections happened because those in authority — doctors, the blood services and successive governments — did not put patient safety first," he said. "The response of those in authority served to compound people's suffering." Campaigners have fought for decades to bring official failings to light and secure government compensation. The inquiry was finally approved in 2017, and over the past four years it reviewed evidence from more than 5,000 witnesses and more than 100,000 documents.

Many of those affected were people with hemophilia, a condition affecting the blood's ability to clot. In the 1970s, patients were given a new treatment that the UK imported from the United States. Some of the plasma used to make the blood products was traced to high-risk donors, including prison inmates, who were paid to give blood samples.

Because manufacturers of the treatment mixed plasma from thousands of donations, one infected donor would compromise the whole batch. *AP*

People carry pictures of relatives as they gather outside Central Hall in Westminster in London, after the publication of the Infected Blood Inquiry report, on Monday | AP

Assange can appeal against extradition, says UK court

LONDON

WIKILEAKS founder Julian Assange can appeal against extradition to the United States on espionage charges, a London court ruled Monday — a decision likely to further drag out an already long legal saga.

High Court judges Victoria Sharp and Jeremy Johnson ruled for Assange after his lawyers argued that the US government provided "blatantly inadequate" assurances that he would have the same free speech protections as an American citizen if extradited from Britain. Assange, 52, has been indicted on 17 espionage charges and one charge of computer misuse over his website's publication of a trove of classified US documents almost 15 years ago. Hundreds of supporters cheered and applauded outside court as news of the ruling reached them from inside the Royal Courts of Justice.

Julian Assange

Assange's wife, Stella, said the US had tried to put "lipstick on a pig — but the judges did not buy it."

She said the US should "read the situation" and drop the case. "As a family we are relieved but how long can this go on?" she said. "This case is shameful and it is taking an enormous toll on Julian." The Australian computer expert has spent the last five years in a British high-security prison after taking refuge in the Ecuadorian Embassy. *AP*

EXPRESS READ

Ship Dali towed to the port from accident site

Baltimore: The recovery from the deadly Baltimore bridge collapse reached a significant milestone on Monday as the ill-fated container ship Dali was slowly escorted back to port, its damaged bow still covered with smashed shipping containers, fallen steel trusses and mangled concrete. Nearly two months have passed since the Dali lost power and crashed into one of the bridge's supporting columns, killing six construction workers and halting most maritime traffic through the Port of Baltimore. Refloated at high tide on Monday morning, the vessel slowly backed away from the site of the March 26 disaster, guided by several tugboats. Removing the hulking ship opened a new void in Baltimore's skyline, which lost an iconic landmark and a symbol of the city's proud maritime. FBI has launched a criminal investigation.

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
88.91 ▲	Sensex	74,005.94	₹540 ▲	24 carat (10 gm)	₹75,310	₹3,500 ▲	1 kg	₹96,500	▲	Dollar	83.31
35.90 ▲	Nifty	22,502.00	₹500 ▲	22 carat (10 gm)	₹69,050	₹35 ▲	10 gm	₹965	▼	Euro	90.48

Mid-tier IT firms outperform larger peers

Formers are growing between 6-15%, the latters' growth constant currency terms is between -4 and 3%

INDUSTRY HEALTH CHECK-UP

COMPANY	REVENUE (FY24)	OPERATING MARGIN	TOTAL EMPLOYEES
TCS	₹2,40,893 cr	24.6%	6,01,546
Infosys	₹153,670 cr	20.7%	3,17,240
HCLTech	₹1,09,913 cr	18.2%	2,27,481
Wipro	₹89,760 cr	16.1%	2,34,054
LTIMindtree	₹35,517cr	15.7%	81,650
Coforge	₹9,179 cr	17.6%	24,726
Persistent Systems	₹9,821 cr	13.5%	23,850
Birlasoft	₹5,278 cr	15.8%	12,595
LTTS	₹9,647 cr	19.9%	23,812
Cyient	₹5,911 cr	20.2%	15,461

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

FROM revenue to hiring, mid-sized IT firms are performing better than their larger peers as they continue to focus on specialisation. Be it making use of generative AI or winning deals, these firms are eyeing digital transformation projects from clients.

The mid-sized firms ($150 million - $1 billion) are growing between 6% and 15%, whereas the larger firms' constant currency organic growth is between 3% and negative 4%.

Companies such as Coforge and Persistent Systems, among others, are winning key deals. Coforge in Q4 had an order intake of $774 million, including a $400 million 10-year deal in the BFS vertical and a $55 million three-year transformation deal in the insurance vertical.

The company signed 11 large deals, two of which exceeded $300 million in contract value. It is confident in delivering robust organic growth in FY25. Persistent Systems' order booking for the quarter ended on March 31, 2024, was at $447.7 million in TCV and at $316.8 million in annual contract value (ACV) terms. L&T Technology Services (LTTS) in Q4 had a strong sequential growth of 5.1%.

"There are several factors driving this (mid-tier firms managing to perform well). As the market has reduced discretionary spend for large initiatives, what remains is the small adjustments to the tech stack that are necessary to continue business operations and these smaller adjustments or initiatives pick up in volume," Peter Bendor-Samuel, CEO of Everest Group, a research firm, said. The mid-sized firms are well positioned to do this work as they actively target it, whereas, the larger firms go hunting for larger opportunities.

Another factor is that many enterprises are increasingly dissatisfied with larger firms and feel that they are not getting the value from them that they should. The market is looking for specialist firms that bring expertise in a specific technology and or business domain or function, he added.

These mid-tier firms have understood this and are actively marketing themselves as specialists and taking share from the larger firms. Samuel added that these firms' senior executives show up on the deals and guarantee attention that the larger firms can't replicate. "These firms are already outperforming the larger firms and if they continue to focus on specialisation, they will likely continue to outperform them," he added. At a time when top IT firms are seeing a reduction in workforce, mid-tier firms are adding more employees.

APPOINTMENT

Govt begins selection process for new SBI chief

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

THE government is kicking off the process to select the next chairman of the State Bank Group from Tuesday.

The Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) is mandated to choose the chairmen and managing directors/chief executives of public sector financial institutions such as banks, LIC and general insurers. Incumbent chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara's extended tenure is ending on August 28, 2024. He was given a one-year extension last October till he attains 63, which is August 28. He had a three-year term as the chairman. Khara succeeded Rajnish Kumar superannuated in October 7, 2020.

The FSIB will begin the two-day meet from May 21 to recommend a candidate for the post of the chairman, an FSIB source told The New Indian Express on Monday.

Top SBI management consists of chairman, which is a fully executive job unlike in other state-run banks where chairmen is non-executive, and four MDs who are all technically eligible to attend the selection process for the post the chairman, provided they have one year of service left.

The second-rung management consists of about 10 deputy managing directors (DMDs) and dozens of chief general managers (CGMs). DMDs and CGMs are eligible to become MDs. All heads of SBI subsidiaries like SBI Life, SBI General, SBI Caps and SBI Cards are headed by persons with DMD ranks in the bank.

Going by tradition, all four MDs of SBI are eligible for the interviews for chairman's post. The incumbent MDs are CS Setty, Ashwini Kumar Tewari, Alok Kumar Choudhary and Vinay M Tonse. But Choudhary is not eligible given that he is scheduled to retire on June 30.

The FSIB has recommended Rana Ashutosh Kumar Singh as the new MD to fill the vacancy being created by the retirement of Choudhary. Similarly Rana Ashutosh Singh is not eligible given that he assumes office only after June 30.

Tradition, and by the SBI Act mandate the government appoints SBI chairman from within the ranks. Though there have been a few exceptions in the past. The few exceptions when outsiders became chairman was first in 1985, when the government appointed DN Ghosh, an Indian Audit & Account Services officer, as the chairman. He was at the helm for almost four years.

AUTOMOBILE

Israel's EVR Motors sets up plant in Haryana

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

EVR Motors, an Israel-based company specialising in high power-density electric motors, on Monday inaugurated its new greenfield plant in Manesar, Haryana, under its subsidiary, I.EVR Motors Pvt Ltd. This facility marks a significant milestone as the first manufacturing operation in India for an Israeli automotive firm.

According to a statement issued by EVR, the plant in Manesar will produce trapezoidal geometry coils, a patented key component of EVR's Trapezoidal Stator Radial Flux Permanent Magnet (RFPM) motor technology. These coils are essential for EVR's electric motors, known for being smaller, lighter and cost-effective, the company said.

The automated facility is initially designed to supply coils for 20,000 motors per month, with plans to rapidly expand to around 100,000 motors to meet the increasing global demand for electric vehicles.

EVR said they have secured commercial agreements with Indian automotive companies such as Napino, Belrise Group, EKA Mobility, and RSB Transmissions. "By establishing this facility, we ensure a reliable supply chain and support our growth plans in India and globally. This venture exemplifies India-Israel business cooperation and embodies our vision of 'Make in India for the world.' Our greenfield investment highlights our confidence in the Indian market and trust in its burgeoning mobility sector," said Sajal Kishore, MD, EVR Motors.

CCI tracking data dominance, algorithmic collusion

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

RAVNEET KAUR, Chairperson of anti-trust regulator Competition Commission of India (CCI), has raised concerns over data dominance where control over large data sets creates insurmountable entry barriers for new businesses.

Speaking at the 15th annual day celebration of the CCI, Kaur said companies that can collect, analyse and leverage vast amounts of data can gain major competitive advantage.

She says algorithms play a central role in digital markets, from shaping user experiences to making pricing and product placement decisions, and added that the opacity of these algorithms can make it challenging to assess their impact on competition.

"Issues like algorithmic collusion, where algorithms might implicitly coordinate prices or market strategies without explicit human direction, pose novel challenges for competition authorities," said Kaur.

Commenting on digital market, which according to her is posing new challenges for anti-trust regulators globally, she said it has the tendency towards market concentration, and many digital platforms benefit from network effects, where value of the services rise as more users join the platform.

This can quickly lead to a winners-take-all scenario, where one or a few companies can dominate the market.

The CCI chairperson added that the regulator has undertaken a market study on artificial intelligence, which has the transformative capabilities but at the same time pose competition challenges. As per her, the study would be a knowledge building exercise to develop and in-depth understanding of the emerging competitive landscape, development of ecosystem and implication of AI application on competition, efficiency and innovation in user industries.

She enlisted important steps taken by the regulator over the past one years. These include the introduction of settlement and commitments, deal value threshold for notifying mergers and acquisitions, explicit introduction of hub and spoke models in the statute books, and the introduction of the concept of leniency plus.

Coal stock up 25% amid peak power demand

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

DESPITE power demand reaching new highs each day, official data suggest there is sufficient coal supply to thermal power plants. According to the coal ministry data, coal stocks are 25% higher this year compared to last year, reaching 147 million tonne (MT) as of May 15. This is a significant increase from the 117 MT reported on the same day in 2023. The overall coal stockpiles include those at thermal power plants, at pitheads (mines), and coal in transit.

The ministry attributes this rise in coal stocks to increased capital expenditure (capex) and investments in coal production. "As regards TPP (thermal power plant) end stock, as of May 15, 45 MT of coal is available compared to a stock of 34.83 MT on the corresponding date of last year, which is a 29% increase," the ministry said.

It further added that coal stocks at the pitheads of Coal India mines are also 30% higher year-on-year, reaching 85 MT.

The power demand in the country has been soaring due to the intense heatwave gripping parts of India. And it is likely to increase as the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) predicts the heatwave is expected to continue over the plains of northwest, east, and central India for the next five days.

According to the coal ministry, Coal production is growing at 7.26% compared to last year, and thermal power generation has also seen an increase of 8.78%. Additionally, rake supplies, which deliver coal to power plants, have improved by 8.45% compared to the same period last fiscal year.

India Cements narrows net loss to ₹50.06 crore

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA Cements' consolidated net loss narrowed of to ₹50.06 crore in the fourth quarter ending March 31, 2024, helped by improved sales volume.

The company had reported a net loss of ₹243.77 crore in the same quarter a year ago, India Cements said in a regulatory filing. Consolidated revenue from operations in the quarter under review was at ₹1,266.65 crore as against ₹1,485.73 crore in the corresponding period a year ago.

"With the improved sales volume, India Cements could turn out a better operating performance and pared the losses for Q4 under review," the company said. The cement and clinker volume for the fourth quarter was 24.36 lakh tonne as compared to 27.85 lakh tonne in the same period of the previous year, it added.

Q4FY24 RESULTS

City Union Bank net profit at ₹218 crore

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

TAMIL NADU-based City Union Bank on Monday reported flat net income of ₹218 crore for the three months ending March 2024 as against ₹217.8 crore in the year ago period.

Net interest income of the Kumbakonam headquartered bank declined to ₹514.26 crore in the reporting quarter, down 7.5% from ₹555.7% a year ago, the bank said in an exchange filing without offering a reason for the same.

Profit remained flat despite the lender began in way back in 1904 reporting a massive improvement in loan loss provisions, which declined to ₹159 crore from ₹224.5 crore, an improvement of 29.18 percentage points, the bank said.

While non-interest income fell to ₹195 crore from ₹224.33 crore, a degrowth of 13.07%, non-interest expenses rose 3.4% to ₹292.23 crore from ₹282.72 crore a year ago. The bank in an exchange filing said deposits fell 6% to ₹55,657 crore, while loans grew 6% to ₹46,500 crore.

Oil India quarterly profit highest-ever

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

STATE-owned Oil India (OIL) on Monday reported its highest-ever quarterly net profit in three months to March 31, helped by higher oil production and better prices.

Standalone net profit for January-March was at ₹2,028.33 crore, 13.45% higher than the earnings in the same period of last year, the company in a statement said, adding that this was "the highest ever (quarterly) profit after tax". On a consolidated basis, after taking into account earnings of Numaligarh Refineries, its net profit was up 18% to ₹2,332.94 crore in January-March, the fourth quarter of 2023-24, according to a stock exchange filing by the nation's second-biggest state-owned oil and gas producer.

Oil production rose 6% year-on-year. Higher oil prices led to a 16% rise in turnover to ₹10,375.09 crore. Earnings from crude oil produced and sold rose 18% but the same from gas dropped 16.5 per cent on lower prices.

1/3rd shoppers use ecomm for discretionary spending

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ONLINE shopping is undergoing rapid expansion as over one in three online shoppers surveyed are now using ecommerce as their primary channel for discretionary and essentials spending, according to public policy think-tank Empower India report.

The survey with 69,000 e-commerce users revealed a strong preference for online shopping, with 63% of men and 37% of women indicating an inclination towards digital transactions. About 36% of ecommerce users use e-commerce sites as their primary shopping method. The surge in preference for e-commerce platforms stems from the convenience of home delivery (82%), coupled with the ease of finding desired products (67%) and the hassle-free return/refund process (61%).

When it comes to essential purchases such as groceries, 41% placed their highest trust in Amazon, followed by Big Basket (28%). When shopping online, consumers require assurance of timely, secure delivery without damage or theft, alongside real-time shipment tracking updates, says the report. Amazon leads as the most trusted platform for discretionary items, with 72% of shoppers placing their trust in it.

K Giri, Secretary General, Empower India, said, "It is clear that a large portion of citizens prefer online shopping and ecommerce players in India have a lot to do to gain significant traction."

CV sales to see single-digit growth in FY25: VECV MD

COMMERCIAL vehicle (CV) sales are expected to grow at a strong single-digit in FY25 after the industry clocked the 1 million unit mark in FY24, said Vinod Aggarwal, managing director of VE Commercial Vehicles, in an interaction with Arshad Khan. Aggarwal who is also the president of auto lobbying body SIAM said the impact of elections is limited to only three months and once the results are declared, fresh buying will take place. He said the export market for India's CV industry has hit rock bottom and from here there can only be improvement. In the interaction, he spoke about VECV's capex plans and the electrification process. Edited **excerpts:**

CV sales have been under pressure for the past few months. Is it due to elections or the sector has entered into a downcycle?
Last year the base was high in March quarter due to heavy pre-buying before introduction of BS6 OBD2 norms in April 2023. The second reason is Q4FY24 and April 2024 saw some impact of polls. While election year has always been positive for the sector, the three-month election season sees a fall in sales as payments get delayed, projects aren't cleared and no tenders are issued. Once the new government comes, sales would pick up. I don't see reason why there won't be demand. Ups and downs are part of the cycle.

Some people would say GDP growth numbers are not reflected in CV sales which was stagnant last fiscal.
What is your growth forecast for FY25?
You can't compare GDP and truck sales on just a year-on-year basis. It has to be on a CAGR basis over a longer period of time. When the economy is in a boom phase, people buy CVs in bulk. Then they step back to check whether they haven't bought in excess. So there is always a correction after boom. I am anticipating a strong single-digit growth for the CV industry in FY25. The economy is doing good, there is good replacement demand and the high infra spending is likely to continue. Mining activity has been robust and there is growing demand from e-commerce players. There is so much room for growth. For instance, compare what happened in China. The market for heavy-duty trucks in China is now 1 million plus units. We are at 260,000 units. Our first milestone should be to reach 350-400K in five years. For that to happen, we are expecting the economy to growth $5-7 trillion in three-five years.

Is the export market showing signs of improvement? Are you looking at the newer markets?
Exports are at rock bottom. I feel whatever problem was to happen, that has happened and now it will grow. From peak levels, CV exports are down 40-50% due to geopolitical and geo-economic factors. Some countries don't have foreign exchange to make payments. Bangladesh and Nepal are down 75-80% from the peak. For VECV, we used to export 15% of our production. Now it is less than 10%. We are looking at markets in Africa, Middle East, SE Asia and Latin America.

What is VECV's Capex for F25? How is electrification going on at VECV?
Our planned capex for FY25 is ₹1,000 crore. This will be spent on new technologies, electric vehicles, some expansion and other areas. On the EV front, we will launch a small CV by January 2025. This will mark our entry into the 2-3.5 GVW (gross vehicle weight) pick-up market whose size is pegged at 3 lakh units per annum. The market for e-trucks is evolving; it may reach 8-10% by 2030.

Policy-wise, are you expecting any major change in auto sector after elections?
Policy-wise, I think a lot of things will continue. We already have a PLI scheme under implementation. We may see some new form of the FAME scheme. I don't think there will be change in the GST rates.

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(for political parties to publish in the newspapers, social media platforms & website of the party)

Information regarding individuals with pending criminal cases, who have been selected as candidates, along with the reasons for such selection, as also as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates

(As per the Commission's directions issued in pursuance of the Order dated 13.02.2020 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in contempt petition(C) no.2192 of 2018 in WP(C) no.536 of 2011)

Name of Political Party : **INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS PARTY**

*Name of the Election : **GENERAL ELECTION TO MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FROM SOUTH – WEST TEACHERS CONSTITUENCY, JUNE – 2024**

Name of State/~~UT~~ : **KARNATAKA**

(1) Name of the Constituency : **SOUTH – WEST TEACHERS CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA**

Name of the candidate : **MANJUNATH KUMAR. K.K.**

Sl.No.			
1	**Criminal antecedents**		
	a.	Nature of the offences	Under Section 138 of Negotiable Instrument Act, Cheque Bounce Case
	b.	Case no.	C.C.No. 55927/2016, 55930/2016, 55934/2016 & C.C.No. 55935/2016
	c.	Name of the Court	Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Mayohall Unit, Bangalore
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	YES, Convicted, Cheque Bounce Case
	e.	Date of conviction, if any	All the above four cases, Court Order dated 26-11-2021
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	Amount of Rs. 3,31,000/-, Rs. 4,45,100/-, Rs. 3,14,700/- & Rs. 3,31,000/- against above respective cases claim amount to be paid, in case of default 5 months simple imprisonment.
	g.	Any other information required to be given	Appealed before the Appellate Court.
2		The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)	The selected candidate is a senior, dedicated party leader who has already been associated with the party. The candidate is not only qualified but has been in various responsible positions attached to public service & party also and is a widely accepted popular leader amongst the general mass and is engaged extensively in active Social works for the general public.
3		Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	The selected candidate has already contested once for MLC Election from the same constituency & lost. He is a senior party worker and has an edge over other individuals considering the fact that whatever charges are alleged in the charge sheet have no substance and are purely with a vindictive approach and personal vendetta. The party believes that there will be no adverse outcome of the cases against this candidate.

KARNATAKA PRADESH CONGRESS COMMITTEE No. 14, Queens Road, Bangalore - 560 052.

(D.K. SHIVAKUMAR)
President, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee, Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients have entered into a Sale Agreement to purchase below mentioned property from **HARSHA H.S**, 43 years & **ASHWIN H.S**, 38 years, both sons of Late Suryaprakash & Late Aswathalakshmi, and residing at No.647, 68th Cross, Kumarswamy Layout, J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru - 560078.

Any person/s having/asserting any right, title, interest, claim over Schedule Property, may contact the undersigned with all relevant papers/title deeds and submit their objections in writing, within seven days, failing which my client would proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Residential Property No.647, Municipal No.647, 68th Cross, PID No.55-279-647, BBMP Ward No.181, Kumaraswamy Layout, 1st Stage, Bangalore, along with residential house, measuring East to West 25 feet, North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 1000 square feet, and bounded on East by Property No.646, West by Property No.648, North by Property No.664 & South by Road.

Bangalore, Dated: 20.03.2024

S. RAMESH KUMAR, Advocate No.231, 1st Floor, Lakshmi Nivasa, S.C. Road, Gandhinagar, Bangalore - 560009. Mob: 9845359588

IN THE COURT OF THE XXXIVth A.C.M.M, AT BANGALORE

CC. No. 51944/2019

COMPLAINANT: Sri. Syed Abid Ali, S/o. Rahim Syed Kafeel, residing at No.28, Promenade Road, Cleveland Town, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560 005.

-V/s-

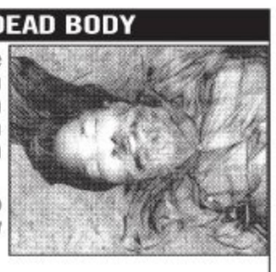
ACCUSED A4: Mr. Rishithaz .K, Sri. Sai Nilayam, Chana Keshava Layout, Kacharakanahalli, HRBR 3rd Block, Bangalore - 560 043.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the Complainant has been made before me that, Mr. Rishithaz.K, Sri. Sai Nilayam, Chana Keshava Layout, Kacharakanahalli, HRBR 3rd Block, Bangalore - 560 043, has committed (or suspected to have committed) the offence punishable under section 138 and 142 of Negotiable Instrument Act, that it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Mr. Rishithaz.K, cannot be found and it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Mr. Rishithaz.K, have absconded (or concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said Mr. Rishithaz.K, is required to appear before this Court (or before me) answer the said complaint on **24-06-2024.**

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, Court of Small Causes, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore.

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY



The dead body of an unknown male approximate 65 year of age was found in Vadakkanal near KSRTC bus stand Alappuzha on 10.05.2024, 07.30 am, In this regard a case has been registered in Alappuzha North PS in Cr.659/2024 u/s 174 CrPC

If any information, please inform to the nearest Police Station or the below mentioned phone numbers.

Contact Number.

SHO Alapuzha North PS : 9497987058
DySP, Alappuzha : 9497990041
District Police Chief, Alappuzha : 9497996982

RO/203/F2/2024/I&PRD

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(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
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Website: www.junglelodges.com, E-mail:accounts@junglelodges.com
CIN-U55103KA1980SGC003775

No.: JLRL/2024-25/SE00010 **Date: 15.05.2024**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Jungle Lodges and Resorts Limited invites tender for Selection of Event Management Agency for the Second Edition of Karnataka International Travel Expo. The details of tender documents are available in the website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. **The last date for receipt of tender document (through e-Procurement Portal) is 30.05.2024, 16.00 hours** and **EMD amount of Rs.1,00,000/-.**

For any further clarifications contact 91-8046010000 and 91-8068948777, E-mail: support@eprochelpdesk.com

Sd/-
Senior General Manager.

DIPR/CP/73/MAA/2024-25

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ROBERT H SCHULLER

IN THE COURT OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1,
B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

O.A. No. 1562/2022

BETWEEN:
AXIS BANK LIMITED,
... Applicant

AND
SRI.SENTHIL KUMAR AYYAVU & OTHERS
...Defendants

To,

3. Fortuna Prjects (India) Pvt. Ltd., Represented by its Managing Director Mr. S.V. Naresh Kumar, Having its Office at No.212, 4th Floor, Bellary Road, Sadashivanagar, Above Hero Hond Show Room, Bangalore-560080.

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (Viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas: the Applicant bank has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions, Act 1993, against the above defendants for the recovery of sum of **Rs.40,11,416/-** (Rupees Forty Lakhs Eleven Thousand Four Hundred and Sixteen Rupees only) amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence ot show cause on **03.07.2024 at 10.30 AM** as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice, that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this Day **04.05. 2024.**

BY THE ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
REGISTRAR-1
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1
BANGALORE.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Electronic City Branch (09044)
No.26/A, Electronics City, Hosur Road, Bangalore - 560100. Ph-080-28520967, Fax: 080-28520002, Email - sbi.09044@sbi.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'ACT ')

A notice is hereby given that the following Borrowers **1) M/s. Kamadhenu Distributors, represented by its partners 1) Sri. A.V. Balaji** S/o Late Chinnappa Vishwanath, **2) Sri. Bharath .A.V** S/o. Late Chinnappa Vishwanath and **Guarantors : 1) Smt. A.V. Sarvamangala** W/o. Late C. Vishwanath, **2) Sri. A.V. Balaji** S/o. Late C. Vishwanath, **3) Sri. Bharath .A.V** S/o. Late C. Vishwanath, **4) 4. Sri. A.V. Shashidhar** S/o. Late C. Vishwanath, have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loan facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loan accounts have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them and guarantors under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, but they have been returned unserved and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

Name and Address of the Borrower's : 1. M/s. Kamadhenu Distributors, Site No. 7, Gayathri Nilaya, Hosur Road, Anekal, Bengaluru Rural-562106. **Represented by its Partners : 2. Sri. A.V. Balaji** S/o. Late Chinnappa Vishwanath, **3. Sri. Bharath .A.V** S/o. Late Chinnappa Vishwanath, **Both are residing at :** No. 7/69, Mirza Road, Nallapa Layout, Anekal, Bengaluru Rural - 562106. and **Guarantors : 1) Smt. A.V. Sarvamangala** W/o. Late C. Vishwanath, **2) Sri. A.V. Balaji** S/o. Late C. Vishwanath, **3) Sri. Bharath .A.V** S/o. Late C. Vishwanath, **4) 4. Sri. A.V. Shashidhar** S/o. Late C. Vishwanath, All are residing at : No. 7/69, Mirza Road, Nallapa Layout, Anekal, Bengaluru Rural - 562106.

A/c Nos. CC 36712033985, GECL 39761627787

Demand Notice: 09.05.2024 **NPA Date : 28.04.2024**

Amount outstanding (As on the date of notice) : Rs. 1,06,31,017/- (Rupees One Crore Six Lakh Thirty One Thousand Seventeen Only) as on 07.05.2024. You are also liable to pay future interest from 08.05.2024 at contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc.

Shedule of Immovable Proprerties : All that piece and parcel of Commercial building bearing Survey No.71/3, situated at Commercial Site and Building at Sy No.71/3, Site No.04, Assessment No.349/1380/4, New Property No.12-2-36 situated at Nalappa Layout, Mirja Road, Division No.II, Anekal Town, measuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 60 feet, totally measuring 1,800 Sq. feet with building measuring 1,200 Sq. feet standing jointly in the names of (i) Smt. Sarvamangala W/o Late C Vishwanath, (ii) Sri.A.V.Balaji S/o Late C Vishwanath (iii) Sri.Bharath.A.V S/o Late C Vishwanath (iv) Shi A.V. Shashidhar S/o. Late C. Vishwanath and the property is **bounded on : East by :** Road, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No.3, **South by :** Road.

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower /Guarantors are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002.

The borrowers/guarantors attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 09.05.2024 **Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer,**
Place : Bengaluru **State Bank of India, Electronic City Branch, Bengaluru.**

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(For Political Party to Publish in Website, Newspapers, TV)

Declaration about Criminal antecedents of candidates set up by the party

(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No.536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name of Political Party : **INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS PARTY**

* Name of Election : **GENERAL ELECTION TO MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FROM NORTH - EAST GRADUATES CONSTITUENCY, JUNE – 2024**

Name of State/~~UT~~ : **KARNATAKA**

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Sl. No.	Name of candidate	Name of constituency	Pending criminal cases		Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences	
			Name of Court, case No. & status of the case(s)	Sections of the Acts concerned & brief description of offence(s)	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed
1	DR. CHANDRASHEKAR B. PATIL	NORTH - EAST GRADUATES CONSTITUENCY	Vth Additional Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Kalaburgi, Case No. C.C.NO.4635/2018 Charges framed - Dated 17-08-2022 According to FIR NO.78/18, Ashoknagar Police Station, Kalaburgi,	U/S 171(H), 188 IPC Erected a Banner on a House	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

* In the case of election to Council of states or election to Legislative Council by MLAs, mention the election concerned in place of name of constituency.

Note: (i) The above information shall be published state wise for each State/UT.
(ii) The matter in newspapers should be published in font size of at least 12.

KARNATAKA PRADESH CONGRESS COMMITTEE No. 14, Queens Road, Bangalore - 560 052.

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Name of Political Party : **INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS PARTY**

* Name of Election : **GENERAL ELECTION TO MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FROM SOUTH – WEST GRADUATES CONSTITUENCY, JUNE – 2024**

Name of State/~~UT~~ : **KARNATAKA**

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Sl. No.	Name of candidate	Name of constituency	Pending criminal cases		Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences	
			Name of Court, case No. & status of the case(s)	Sections of the Acts concerned & brief description of offence(s)	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed
1	AAYANURU MANJUNATH	SOUTH – WEST GRADUATES CONSTITUENCY	Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Hosanagara, Shimoga District Case No. C.C.NO.639/2018 Charges Framed – U/S 171(E) IPC & IS Under Trial.	U/S 171(E) IPC Breach of Code of Conduct in the Election	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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Raducanu opts out of French Open

Emma Raducanu has withdrawn from French Open qualifying and will instead focus on training for the grass and hard-court seasons. The 21-year-old had been expected to try to fight her way through three rounds of qualifying at Roland Garros, as she famously did on her way to winning the US Open in 2021.

BACK TO THE FUTURE

As past champs Gambhir, Yusuf back in West Bengal, albeit for different goals, Knight Riders get ready to take on Sunrisers in Qualifier 1 on Tuesday

FIROZ MIRZA @ Ahmedabad

(TOP) Gautam Gambhir's return has helped KKR's resurgence this year; Gambhir, Yusuf Pathan (c) and Andre Russell (R) during the 2016 season | SPORTSPICS

THE last time Kolkata Knight Riders won second of their two IPL trophies in 2014, Gautam Gambhir was their captain and Yusuf Pathan their key batter. A lot has changed since then in the past decade. Both Gambhir and Yusuf had retired from all forms of cricket years ago and forayed into politics.

Here also Gambhir took the precedence as he remained member of parliament from 2019 to 2024 before announcing that he will not contest during this general elections while Yusuf trying his luck as the TMC candidate in 2024 from Baharampur, a Lok Sabha constituency in West Bengal.

After the twin trophies, both parted ways with the Kolkata franchise, plying their trade with other teams. Gambhir even mentored Lucknow Super Giants before returning to Kolkata in 2024 as their mentor. Coincidentally, Yusuf is also back in West Bengal not with the team but as an MP aspirant given his previous connection with the state as KKR player. He also tried to invoke the emotional connection with the state after being announced TMC candidate by saying, "I got immense love from West Bengal while playing for Kolkata Knight Riders and I want to serve them back."

Despite them being the third most successful team in the tournament in the last 16 seasons only behind five-time champions Mumbai Indians and Chennai Super Kings, Kolkata have blown hot and cold since the inception of the league. Apart from their two title winning campaigns, they qualified for playoffs only five times before this season (2011, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2021). Their best finish since the 2014 title came in 2021 when they lost the final to Chennai.

With Gambhir back in the dugout, even though as a mentor, and Yusuf's fate and future with the state sealed after the fourth phase of election on May 13, Shreyas Iyer-led side became the first team to qualify for the playoffs this season. Nine wins and three losses from 14 matches with the last two games getting washed out meant Kolkata finished as toppers after the league stage for the first time in the tournament's history. A lot of credit for the recent success should go to their openers — Sunil Narine and Phil Salt — as the duo played some fearless cricket to give robust starts to the team. The latter, however, has left for national duties ahead of the upcoming T20 World Cup in the USA and West Indies and this could be a big blow for the team. They have explosive wicket-keeper-batter from Afghanistan, Rahmanullah Gurbaz, in their ranks to replace Salt. He was even named in the playing XI against Rajasthan Royals on Sunday but heavy downpour meant the match had to be abandoned after KKR opted to bowl. Game time before the playoffs would have done a world of good for Gurbaz but rain robbed him and the team of an opportunity.

For KKR, the season began with a narrow four-run win over Sunrisers Hyderabad almost two months ago in the Eden Gardens. Both the teams have gone a distance since their first encounter, finishing first and second, respectively. They are up against each other once again with a place in the final at stake this time. Fans would definitely be waiting eagerly to see the contest between the two top sides when they take the field at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on Tuesday but it's the players who truly would relish the challenges thrown at them during the contest.

Heinrich Klaasen, who almost took SRH over the line single-handedly against KKR in their last meeting, has already thrown the gauntlet after playing a match-winning knock against Punjab Kings in Hyderabad on Sunday. "I will definitely be supporting KKR tonight. We will definitely be awake and supporting KKR," he told the broadcaster as KKR win will help SRH finish second and he might also get a chance to avenge the loss in the league stage. But for that to happen, the 2016 champions not only have to outclass their opponents on the field but also outsmart Gambhir, who will be ready with several tricks up his sleeves given the master tactician he is.

On his return, Gambhir had vowed that KKR will be in a much better position whenever he will leave the team and it seems the time is ripe for him to make that happen.

Relentless training, sessions with Yuvraj behind Abhishek's success

FIROZ MIRZA @ Ahmedabad

Abhishek Sharma's success with the bat is at the centre of Sunrisers Hyderabad dominant run in the ongoing IPL season | SRI LOGANATHAN VELMURUGAN

SIX-O-METER

Season	Sixes
2018	5
2019	0
2020	3
2021	4
2022	13
2023	6
*2024	41

* Abhishek has at least 2 matches left this season

"HE (Abhishek Sharma) is amazing. I wouldn't want to bowl to him. It's scary as he plays with freedom, not only against pacers but also against spinners."

This quote from Sunrisers Hyderabad skipper Pat Cummins on Sunday after the win against Punjab Kings sums up Abhishek's tantalising performance in the ongoing IPL so far. The left-hander from Punjab has impressed all and sundry with his fiery batting and formed a formidable opening partnership with Aussie Travis Head for his team. Such has been his impact this season that even explosive batters from across the globe look ordinary in front of him.

It appears as if he doesn't believe in hitting fours. The 23-year-old has slammed more sixes than fours, 41 maximums so far, the most by any batter in 2024. The half-a-dozen sixes he hit against Punjab Kings on Sunday meant he also went past his illustrious compatriot Virat Kohli (37) as far as most sixes by an Indian batter in an IPL season is concerned. Among batters who have played 100 or more balls this season, Abhishek's strike rate (467 runs at 209.41 SR) is only behind James Fraser-McGurk of Delhi Capitals (330 runs at a SR of 234.04).

James Franklin, pace bowling coach of SRH, came up with an interesting statistics after Hyderabad's last league match at the home ground. "He (Abhishek) is outstanding. It's a bizarre stat as some of us saw that his six hitting in the previous few seasons were in single digit and now it's in a high 30s. He's totally transformed his game and really taken this IPL on. It's been brilliant to watch," Franklin, the former New Zealand player, said in the post-match press conference on Sunday.

One look into Abhishek's performance in the last seven seasons, and the difference is there to see. Making his IPL debut for Delhi in 2018, he hit five sixes that year. Next season, he was signed by SRH, but could send the ball over the boundary ropes only seven times in the next three years (0 in 2019, 3 in 2020 and 4 in 2021). The 2022 IPL turned out to be a breakthrough season for him as he scored 426 runs smashing 13 sixes. Next year, he scored 226 runs and managed only 6 sixes. This meant he clobbered 31 sixes in his first six IPL seasons. All that changed drastically this IPL. As of Sunday, Abhishek has 41 sixes to his name and it can well go past 50 with the SRH opener set to play at least two more games. Only Chris Gayle and Andre Russell have managed to hit 50 or more sixes in an IPL season with the former achieving the feat twice.

Abhishek's father Rajkumar Sharma, who was also his first coach, is not at all surprised by the way his son has been clobbering bowlers. "He worked 24x7 ahead of the season to get ready. It was bound to happen as it all started after the 2023 IPL season ended. He changed his routine completely. He was getting up at 4 am and used to undertake gruelling fitness sessions which included cycling, running, swimming after a brief session of meditation and yoga," Rajkumar told this daily. "He went places to get used to different conditions and train accordingly. He trained in Punjab, Noida, Mumbai, Delhi and even abroad."

The father also credited former India all-rounder Yuvraj Singh for his son's success. "Yuvi would come and take him for net sessions. The duo travelled not only in the country but London and Dubai as well to get ready for this season. Last season, even the then SRH head coach Brian Lara, the legendary West Indies player, predicted that Abhishek will take the cricketing world by storm soon."

Rajkumar, however, is disappointed that Abhishek was ignored for the upcoming T20 World Cup. But he is not heartbroken as he strongly believes that when his son's time will come; that he will mesmerise the whole world like he is doing this IPL. "We talk regularly. Recently, I asked him to score a century as the time is opportune."

Sharma senior will not be in the stands when Abhishek takes the field in the Qualifier 1 against Kolkata Knight Riders on Tuesday in Ahmedabad but he will be glued to his TV set wishing his son keeps his promise and slams his first IPL century.

DIRECT ENTRY TO FINAL AWAITS

AS KOLKATA TAKE ON HYDERABAD IN QUALIFIER 1 IN AHMEDABAD , A LOOK AT THE KEY TALKING POINTS...

SRH OPENERS VS KKR SPINNERS

It's no secret that Travis Head and Abhishek Sharma hold key for Sunrisers at the top. While KKR do have Mitchell Starc and Harshit Rana in their ranks, it might come down to whether Sunil Narine and Varun Chakravarthy can keep the SRH batters quiet, especially the openers.

CAN GURBAZ BRING THE SALT-FACTOR?

As much as Sunil Narine has been phenomenal with the bat, it is impossible to look past Phil Salt's contribution. With Salt leaving for national duties, it will be interesting to see if Rahmanullah Gurbaz, the likely replacement, could replicate what Salt has done for KKR.

Kolkata Knight Riders vs Sunrisers Hyderabad, Ahmedabad | Live on Star Sports & JioCinema, 7.30 PM

India's mixed relay team sets record

AGENCIES @ Bangkok

INDIA'S mixed 4x400 relay team set a national record while winning the gold medal at the inaugural Asian Relay Championships on Monday but missed the target of entering Paris Olympics qualification bracket.

The quartet of Muhammed Ajmal, Jyothika Sri Dandi, Amoj Jacob and Subha Venkatesan clocked 3 minutes 14.12 seconds to win the race. The earlier national record of 3:14.34 was clocked by the Indian team while winning silver medal at the Hangzhou Asian Games last year. India was leading in all the four legs of the relay race. Sri Lanka finished second with a time of 3:17.00 while Vietnam was third with 3:18.45.

Monday's timing will put India in the 21st place -- from earlier 23rd -- in the Road to Paris list of World Athletics while the aim was to be either in the 15th or 16th spot. India are in a difficult position to make the Olympics cut as only sixteen teams will compete in mixed 4x400m relay event in Paris.

From leaving Baroda to IPL via TNPL, Swapnil's comeback story

GOMESH S @ Chennai

Swapnil Singh in action for Royal Challengers Bengaluru | SPORTSPICS

AT this point, Royal Challengers Bengaluru's turnaround story is well documented. The intense discussions they had at the halfway mark while lingering at the bottom of the table, and how the spin group went to the coaching staff and spoke about the need for more opportunities, the rise of Will Jacks, Rajat Patidar's form, it all went hand in hand.

Amidst all this, there is one other individual who, since coming into the playing XI, is yet to lose a match for Bengaluru — Swapnil Singh. When Swapnil was first brought in for the game against Hyderabad, it was perhaps the first time RCB played two primary spinners this season. From thereon, there has been no looking back as Swapnil has six wickets to show at 19 average and 8.76 economy — including a quiet 0/13 in two overs against Chennai Super Kings on Saturday.

Now, despite not getting a chance early in the season, Swapnil put his head down and continued with his process during the practice games. That is when head coach Andy Flower came up to him and said he was ready. "We had a couple of practice games and I did well in that. I also had a word with the head coach, and one fine day he came up to me and said you are ready for the game, keep doing what I am doing. It helped me stay in the zone that whatever I am doing is actually right on target," Swapnil told this daily.

Swapnil, originally from Baroda, left the state during the pandemic after not getting enough chances. A regular in the TNCA First-Division league for Nelson Sports Club in Chennai, Swapnil has represented Uttarakhand as an outstation player since 2021-22. In 2023, he was signed by Madurai Panthers in the Tamil Nadu Premier League auction for ₹12 lakhs. He played all eight games, finished with 150 runs and five wickets to show for the team. While striking at 131.57 with the bat, the 33-year-old was a quiet operator, giving away only 6.79 runs per over. That resulted in his retention in the 2024 TNPL auction. "Since I have left Baroda, my home state, I have started playing for Uttarakhand. I am a local in Tamil Nadu. TNPL has really helped. After IPL, domestically it is the best (T20) league India have. The crowd feel is there, the franchises are there, and the teams are very good. So, yeah, it has helped a lot," he said.

With six wins on the trot, Swapnil and RCB are on a roll. But perhaps their biggest challenge lies ahead. Whether they can continue the momentum into the next three games will determine the climax of this fairytale story.

Malaysia Masters: Eyes on Sindhu ahead of Olympics

AGENCIES @ Kuala Lumpur

BACK from a break, P V Sindhu will look to hit the right notes in her quest for some confidence-boosting wins ahead of Paris Olympics when she spearheads India's campaign in the Malaysia Masters badminton tournament starting on Tuesday.

Sindhu, a former world champion, returns to the international circuit after skipping the Uber Cup and Thailand Open. The 28-year-old from Hyderabad hasn't been able to hit top form after recovering from a knee injury sustained in October last year. A Olympics medalist's return hasn't been smooth and she has endured a series of narrow losses. Sindhu has just two quarterfinal finishes to show in her six competitive appearances so far.

The last title win for her came in the 2022 Singapore Open. Sindhu, who had also suffered a stress fracture en route to the 2022 Commonwealth Games gold, will look to hit the ground running when she opens against Scotland's Kirsty Gilmour.

EXPRESS READ

Committed to players' privacy, says Star Sports

CHENNAI: A day after Rohit Sharma accused Star Sports of 'breaching players' privacy', the broadcaster said that the clip, in which the player requesting for the audio to not be recorded, got featured and lacked editorial relevance beyond this. "Respect for players' privacy while bringing fans, moments of intense action & preparation, sits at the core of this ethos, which the broadcaster remains committed to," Star said in a statement.

Indian Open Surfing to kickoff on May 31

MANGALORE: The fifth edition of the Indian Open Surfing (IOS) will be held at the Sasihithlu Beach here from May 31 to June 2, the sport's governing body SFI announced on Monday. "The three-day surfing competition will include four categories -- Men's Open, Women's Open, Groms (U-16) Boys and Groms (U-16) Girls," the governing body for the sports of surfing and stand-up paddling, said in a statement.

RPPL and JK host Indian Racing Festival

BENGALURU: After the resounding success of the first demo show of the Indian Racing Festival (IRF) at the picturesque Dal Lake in Srinagar, Racing Promotions Private Limited (RPPL), India's premier motorsports management enterprise, in collaboration with the biggest promoter of Indian motorsport The event saw thrilling spectacle for motorsport enthusiasts.

PREMIER LEAGUE

Are Manchester City making a case for England's greatest-ever team?

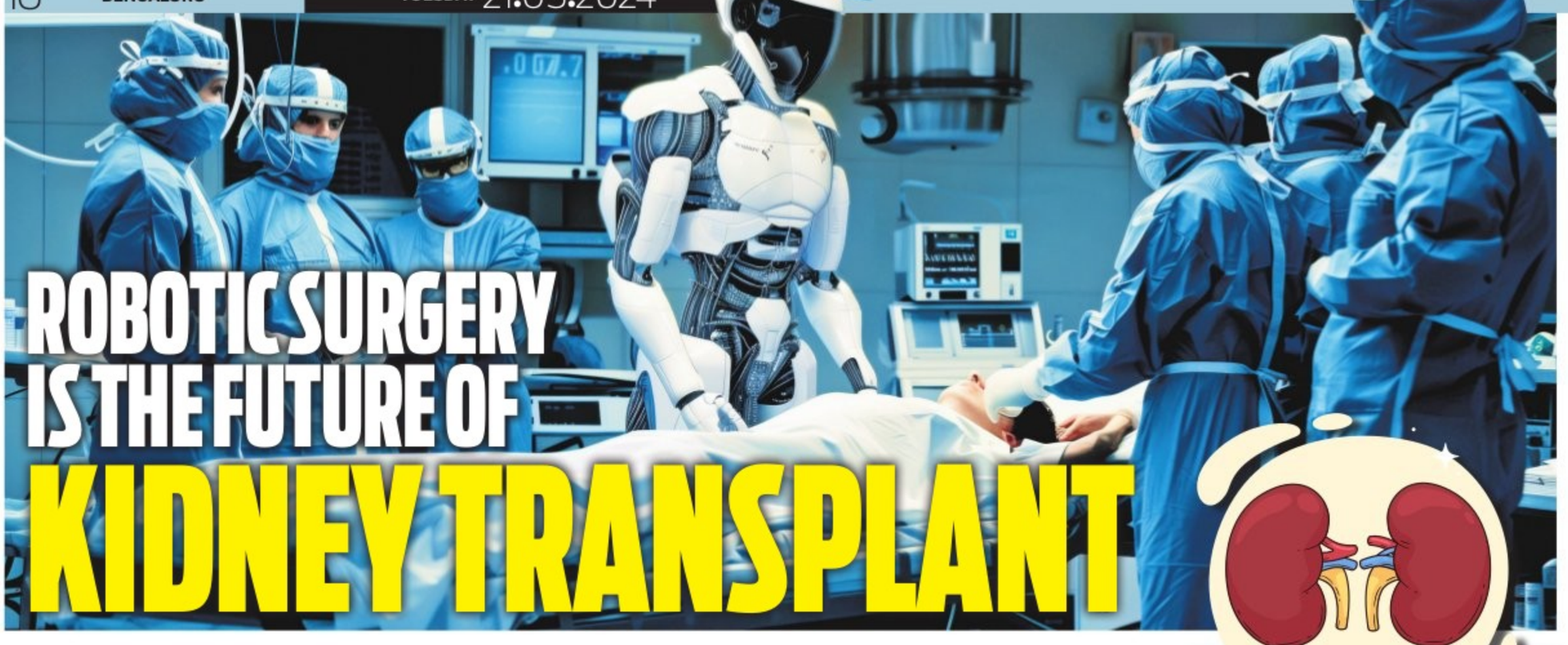
KIERAN CANNING @ Manchester

Manchester City players celebrate winning the Premier League trophy on Sunday| AP

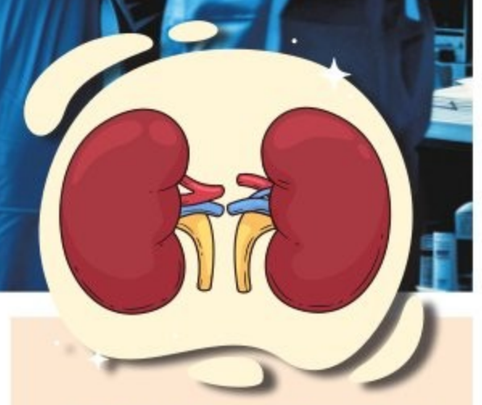
MANCHESTER City strengthened their case to be ranked as English football's greatest-ever team by winning the Premier League title for an unprecedented fourth consecutive year on Sunday. No side has ever enjoyed the stranglehold over the English top flight that City have held during Pep Guardiola's glorious reign as manager.

On top of six League titles, in the past seven years City have been crowned world and European champions for the first time in the club's history, won two FA Cups and lifted four League Cups. Another FA Cup triumph could come next weekend when they are favourites to beat Manchester United in the Wembley showpiece. Last season, Guardiola's men became only the second club to win the PL, CL and FA Cup in the same season – matching United's vintage group of 1998/99. That was part of a run of seven League titles in nine years for United under Alex Ferguson. Liverpool's domination in the 1970s and 1980s included 10 league titles in 15 seasons and four European Cups. Arsenal went through the entire 2003/04 league season without defeat as Arsene Wenger's title-winning "Invincibles" staked their claim to be regarded as the best ever.

Yet the scale of City's command over their rivals, has surpassed even the feats achieved by United, Liverpool and Arsenal in their glory years. City are on a 35-match unbeaten run in all competitions from open play, setting a record in the Premier League era. City have been praised for their performances on the pitch, but the plaudits come with caveats. In a Premier League season in which Everton and Nottingham Forest were docked points for breaches of financial rules, a case against City over 115 charges has rumbled on for 15 months without resolution. City strongly deny wrongdoing, but face accusations of failing to provide accurate financial information between 2009 and 2018 and not cooperating with the Premier League's investigation. The source of the club's wealth since a takeover by Abu Dhabi's Sheikh Mansour, transformed City's fortunes, has dampened the enthusiasm of many for their astonishing success. AFP



ROBOTIC SURGERY IS THE FUTURE OF KIDNEY TRANSPLANT



AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

KIDNEY transplant has been considered the best treatment option for chronic kidney disease patients who are on regular dialysis. The traditional, conventional and widely-accepted procedure for kidney transplant currently is open kidney transplant, however, innovations in medical science have introduced new methods that are beneficial to patients. Robotic assisted kidney transplant (RAKT) is one such innovation and it is here to stay, say doctors.

Transition from open to robotic assisted kidney transplant can be compared to the switch from landline to mobile, says Dr Deepak Jayaprakash Kaddu, consultant, robotic surgery and renal transplantation, Manipal Hospital Whitefield, Bengaluru.

Normally the kidney is transplanted in the lower part of the abdomen in the patient and the blood supply to the graft kidney is restored by joining it to the native blood vessels of the patient. An incision is made in the lower part of the abdomen to expose the blood vessels, join the kidney to them, and place the kidney in suitable position. However, in robotic kidney transplant surgery, all the steps are done using a surgical robot. An incision is made in the lower abdomen to deliver the graft kidney into the abdominal cavity of the patient, while rest of the steps are similar to those in laparoscopic surgeries, taking the help of a robot.

Less scarring, complications

Apart from being minimally invasive, which reduces scars and healing time, it also offers surgeons better vision and dexterity. "For the surgeon, robotic surgery affords considerable ease, reducing the fatigue which comes from a prolonged and focused procedure like a kidney transplant. The vision in the robotic console is a 10-times magnified, high-definition view - which allows the surgeon to suture the small vessels with absolute confidence and ease," said Dr Shakir Tabrez, additional director, kidney transplant and robotic surgery, Fortis Hospital Cunningham Road, Bengaluru.

COMMON CAUSES OF END-STAGE KIDNEY DISEASE

- Polycystic kidney disease
- Chronic, uncontrolled high blood pressure
- Diabetes
- Chronic glomerulonephritis — an inflammation and eventual scarring of the tiny filters within the kidneys

The complications that may arise are also less, which in turn will reduce anxiety among patients and reduce hospital stays. The procedure is especially beneficial for obese patients as it is less painful and cosmetically better. "RAKT offers a minimally invasive option resulting in smaller incisions, less pain, and faster recovery time that translates into shorter hospital stays and quicker return to daily activities with reduced risk of infections and surgical complications like hernia. This minimally invasive approach reduces the frequency of follow-ups, promoting patient comfort and reducing anxiety," said Dr Vidyashankar P, lead consultant, nephrology, Aster CMI Hospital, Bengaluru.

"RAKT offers ease of doing surgery, better ergonomics, better vision, better dexterity to the surgeon; to the patient it offers minimal pain, cosmetic scar, less complications and similar to better renal functional outcomes. Obesity and morbid obesity are strong indications for robotic transplant. But we can still do RAKT in routine chronic kidney disease (CKD) patients as well," said Dr Deepak.

Gaining popularity

According to experts, the maximum number of robotic kidney transplants happen in India, however, there is a need for standardisation to make it popular. "Standardisation of surgical technique and regular training of surgeons are needed. Sooner or later robotic kidney transplant will replace open kidney transplant in the future, provided the finance part is taken care of (the cost difference is ₹1.5 lakh)," Dr Deepak said.

Response to the procedure has been good as the scar and pain associated with robotic kidney transplant is comparatively less than the conventional procedure. However, cost and availability of the facility remain the main deterrent, said Dr Manas Ranjan Pradhan, senior urologist and kidney transplant surgeon, at AMRI Hospitals, Bhubaneswar.

Cost and availability

"Like every other groundbreaking state-of-the-art technology, when robotics was incorporated the cost of the surgical procedure was prohibitively expensive. But with time and more companies introducing robots and competitive pricing, the cost has come down by a large extent", Dr Shakir added. Insurance companies have also started to acknowledge and cover robotic surgeries, which allow more patients to benefit.

The surgical option is now available in metros and cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Bengaluru, and costs around ₹10-15 lakh.

"As more fascinating features are added to the robot with leaps in the field of AI and miniaturisation and with reducing costs of surgeries and surgical consumables, this is most definitely here to stay and is a blessing for every deserving patient suffering from the debilitating burden of renal failure," Dr Shakir said.

Dr Vidyashankar also pointed out that though RAKT is becoming increasingly available in major Indian hospitals, it's not yet as widespread as traditional surgery. "RAKT offers potential advantages especially for patients who might not be ideal candidates for open surgery due to obesity or complex anatomy. As with any surgery, there are certain risks like bleeding, infection, rejection of the donor's kidney or leakage from the urinary tract which can be discussed with the surgeon before the procedure. However, it's important to have a detailed discussion with your surgeon to determine the best approach," he said, adding that the potential benefits of faster recovery and reduced hospital stay could offset some of these costs.

(With inputs from Hemant Kumar Raut @ Bhubaneswar)

LOSS OF FILTERING ABILITY

- A kidney transplant is a surgery to place a healthy kidney from a living or deceased donor into a person whose kidneys no longer function properly
- The main function of a kidney is to filter and remove waste, minerals and fluid from the blood by producing urine
- When the filtering ability of kidneys deteriorate, harmful levels of fluid and waste accumulate in the body, which can raise blood pressure and result in kidney failure (end-stage renal disease)
- End-stage renal disease occurs when the kidneys have lost about 90% of their ability to function normally
- People with end-stage renal disease need to have waste removed from their bloodstream via a machine (dialysis) or a kidney transplant to stay alive

MYTH BUSTING

Dr Vishnu Prasad clears myths on bladder cancer

Consultant, uro-oncology and robotic surgery, Manipal Hospital, Bengaluru

Myth: Bladder cancer only affects older individuals or smokers

Fact: While age and smoking are significant risk factors, bladder cancer can affect individuals of any age and background. Non-smokers can also develop bladder cancer due to other risk factors such as exposure to certain chemicals or chronic bladder inflammation.

Myth: Blood in the urine always indicates bladder cancer

Fact: While blood in the urine (hematuria) can be a symptom of bladder cancer, it can also be caused by other conditions such as urinary tract infection or kidney stones. However, it is essential to have any unexplained blood in the urine evaluated by a healthcare professional.

Myth: The disease is untreatable

Fact: Bladder cancer is treatable, especially when detected early. Treatment options may include surgery, chemotherapy, immunotherapy, or radiation therapy, depending on the stage and aggressiveness of the cancer.

Myth: Only men get bladder cancer

Fact: While bladder cancer is more common in men than women, it can affect individuals of any gender. However, men are about three to four times more likely to develop bladder cancer than women, primarily due to higher rates of smoking and occupational exposure to carcinogens.

Myth: Prognosis is always death

Fact: The disease can be serious, especially if diagnosed at an advanced stage, but many people survive and lead fulfilling lives.

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CYSTIC FIBROSIS

Advancements in care have improved life expectancy

Cystic fibrosis, an inherited disorder which causes damage to the lungs, affects the cells that produce mucus, sweat and digestive juices, which are normally thin and slippery. But in people with the disease, a defective gene causes the secretions to become sticky and thick. The disease is is usually diagnosed through genetic study or using a sweat chloride test, says **Dr Elizabeth Sunila,** consultant pulmonologist, Aster Medcity, Kochi, in an interview with **Anna Jose**. *Edited excerpts:*

What is cystic fibrosis? What are the symptoms, and how is it diagnosed?

Cystic fibrosis is a life limiting, multisystem disease in which certain glands in our body produces thick secretions which results in damage to several organs, including the lungs, pancreas, intestine, etc. For individuals suffering from the disease, the secretions become thick. The condition may be suspected prenatally or during early years of life and is usually diagnosed through genetic study or using a sweat chloride test.

In children and adults, the symptoms can vary from very salty skin, poor growth or weight gain despite a good appetite, frequent bulky greasy stools, recurrent respiratory infections, bronchiectasis, recurrent pneumonia and sinusitis, male infertility, enlargement of tips of fingers and toes (clubbing), etc.

What is the role of genetics in cystic fibrosis?

Cystic fibrosis is a genetic disease. If the parents have the disease, the child can inherit it. It is an autosomal recessive (AR) inherited disease. We have the CFTR gene. The disease occurs due to a variety of mutations in this gene. If anyone in the family has cystic fibrosis, other members of the family can be affected or can be carriers.

What is the prevalence of cystic fibrosis in India?

Though a rare disease, it is now increasingly diagnosed in India but low compared globally. In Caucasians, the prevalence is one in 3,000. In India, according to the HSOA Journal of Pulmonary Medicine and Respiratory Research, there are around 40,000 cystic fibrosis patients at present .

INTERVIEW
DR ELIZABETH SUNILA

How can the condition be treated?

Treatment of cystic fibrosis should be tailored according to a patient's needs and severity of the disability. Each day the patient will require medications to be inhaled and airway clearing exercises that help them to loosen secretions in the lungs and nose, apart from pancreatic enzyme supplements to improve absorption of vital nutrients, multiple vitamin supplements to complement nutritional needs, and individual fitness plan to improve lung function and overall health. Many of them have diabetes which should be controlled. They will have recurrent respiratory infections requiring judicious use of antibiotics especially when multidrug resistant virulent organisms colonize their airways. Certain drugs modulating CFTR (with benefits in selected gene defects) approved are not available in India. Early diagnosis, institution of appropriate treatment and chest physiotherapy are the key to improve survival of patients with cystic fibrosis

With the advancements in medical care, how effective are treatments?

The survival of patients has improved steadily over the last three decades. Earlier, many of the children died in their initial years of life following infections and malnutrition. With effective oral, parenteral and inhalable antibiotics, early identification of disease, better secretion thinning medicines and increased quality of care, many of the patients now may live up to 40-50 years or even more. Absence of newborn screening services in India precludes early diagnosis and intervention. We have a lack of specific CF care centres to facilitate early diagnosis and to provide specialised care to these patients. Akin to any other chronic disease, prognosis of CF is also grave in patients from poor socio-economic status.

REMOTE ELECTRONIC NEUROMODULATION

A safer option for migraine treatment

A splitting headache at the end of a long day at work or a busy weekend is not uncommon. Drinking plenty of water or getting adequate sleep often solves this problem. However, if the headache persists for days, it could be a more serious issue like a migraine.

A migraine is a complex chronic neurological condition that results in throbbing pain in one side of the head, sensitivity to light and sound, and nausea. Migraines affect over a billion people globally. In 2019, a study found that India has the highest number of people with the condition.

Traditionally, migraines are treated with medications. However, with technological advancements in healthcare, there are less invasive methods that show fewer side effects than medication. One such option is remote electrical neuromodulation (REN) which has shown immense promise in helping patients manage the condition and improving their quality of life.

Benefits of REN

For patients with migraines, the usual course of treatment involves medicines meant to alleviate the pain and prevent future occurrences. However, these medicines can cause side effects such as gastritis, diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting, hypotension, fatigue, insomnia, sexual dysfunction, and liver issues. In some cases, overuse of certain medicines can also lead to headaches. Besides, some of these medications cannot be used in certain patient subgroups such as pregnant women, children, and individuals with cardiovascular or cerebrovascular diseases.

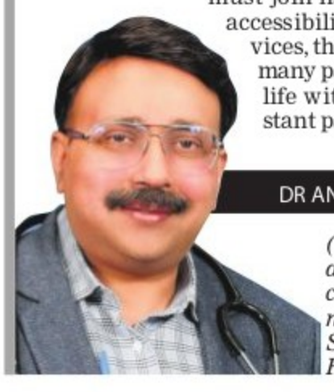
Safer alternatives for migraine treatment such as REN devices have shown immense potential in reducing the intensity and frequency of migraines. REN is a reversible, non-invasive, cost-effective, and adaptable process. These devices pass a mild electric current through the skin to stimulate the nerves responsible for causing pain during migraines. This triggers a pain inhibition response that prevents or alleviates pain.

REN devices are meant to be worn on the upper arm for 45 minutes. The intensity of the electric pulse can be controlled using an app, which can provide additional information such as reminders, treatment duration, and number of sessions left. Each battery provides 18 sessions, and a patient can order a refill device through the app. The devices can easily be worn under clothes and the treatment can take place while the patient undertakes their daily activities. Consistent usage of REN devices can also help reduce the number of treatment days along with the associated symptoms.

In the long run, REN devices can be an economical alternative to traditional treatments. A study conducted in the US found that the indirect costs of migraine totalled $19.3 billion, with every patient shelling out $22,364 per year. Using REN devices helped them save up to $10,957 per year.

In India, an estimated 211.25 million people suffer from migraine-induced headaches, leading to a loss of 5.8% of productive time. REN devices can help mitigate these losses. In the case of young patients, these devices can help them manage their condition effectively without compromising their daily activities.

Migraines can be extremely debilitating for any individual, leaving them mentally and physically exhausted. Medications do help, but may not be suitable for everyone. Moreover, with changing times, patients prefer alternatives that are less invasive and cause fewer side effects. REN devices are a safer alternative, providing preventive care and treatment. All stakeholders must join hands to boost accessibility to such devices, thereby helping many patients savour life without the constant pain.



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On this day in 2013, Microsoft announced Xbox One, a powerful system that addressed the flaws of the Xbox 360

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With the Xbox One, Microsoft had ambitions for its video game console to act as a central hub for all your entertainment, rather than just games

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The Xbox Series X & S consoles launched in 2020 and are Microsoft's fourth generation. Xbox Series X gets praise for its technical specs

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CE's guide to happenings in the city

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Bengaluru-based Abhijit Jejurikar, founder of the band Dharavi Reloaded, comprising youngsters from the Mumbai slum, recently performed alongside British pop singer Ed Sheeran at *The Great Indian Kapil Show*, the excitement of which the percussion band is still soaking in

MANIFEST-ED!

DESE GOWDA

WHEN Ed Sheeran joined a motley crew of teenagers wielding paint buckets and oil cans for a performance, it wasn't the usual pop star collaboration. But then, **Dharavi Reloaded** isn't your average band. This group of young musicians from Mumbai's Dharavi – often considered the largest slum in the world – have spent the last decade creating rhythm out of discarded waste material. Their recent performance on *The Great Indian Kapil Show*, which aired on OTT on May 18, alongside the British pop star was nearly a decade in the making.

"I started listening to Ed Sheeran in 2014 and was fascinated by his talent. I got a chance to meet him backstage in 2015, where I told him about my passion project – Dharavi Reloaded. He was impressed and expressed interest in collaborating someday. Fast forward to 2024, I got in touch with him again, and through various resources and connections, we made it happen. Dharavi Reloaded and Sheeran performed together on *The Great Indian Kapil Show*," shares an excited Abhijit Jejurikar, a Bengaluru resident and the founder of Dharavi Reloaded. "When I heard he was coming to India in 2024, I wanted to do a meet and greet and show him the progress the kids have made. His team suggested we collaborate, and *The Great Indian Kapil Show* was the perfect platform. It was a dream come true for any artiste, especially being a fan of Ed Sheeran and driving social impact with the kids. Ed Sheeran, himself having come from humble beginnings, believes music can happen from anywhere. Collaborating and performing with him was a manifestation of our dreams," he adds.

Borne out of Jejurikar's desire to create a platform for the youth of Dharavi, shortly after he moved from his hometown Pune to Mumbai more than a decade ago, Dharavi Reloaded takes inspiration for its music from the prime economic activity of the area – recycling waste. "When I moved to Mumbai, I was working as a marketing professional. But as a musician, I always wanted to give back to society. That's when I started this band. My purpose was to give a platform to slum kids from Dharavi, showcase their talent, and create a bond between communities through music. Dharavi being the largest recycling hub, I thought it would be cool to make music using waste materials like drum barrels, oil cans, paint buckets, water bottles, etc. That's how the band began, and we started performing in Mumbai. As the band gained popularity, we began performing across India. This platform has really helped these kids grow, gain confidence, and earn a livelihood," he shares.

The band's sound is as distinctive as their instruments. Drum barrels, water bottles, and oil cans are repurposed into bass drums, snare drums, and a myriad of other percussive elements. The resulting sound is raw, energetic, and undeniably infectious. Elaborating on their performance, Jejurikar says, "It's an engaging and interactive percussive act where the kids, Sheeran, and Kapil Sharma performed together. I conducted the entire act, showcasing different percussive acts with a juggler between two groups. This collaborative performance was a segment in the show, towards the end."

Abhijit Jejurikar (extreme left corner) with his band Dharavi Reloaded performing alongside iconic pop singer Ed Sheeran and Kapil Sharma

Sunil Chhetri's recent announcement of retiring after the World Cup qualifying match against Kuwait on June 6 has left many in dismay. It's an emotional moment for fans who speak about Chhetri's contribution over the last 19 years in giving football a leg-up

THE GAME changer

MONIKA MONALISA

IT was quite an eventful week in the world of sports. In the midst of the IPL frenzy, Indian football team captain **Sunil Chhetri** announced his retirement after next month's World Cup qualifier against Kuwait, which is happening on June 6. Chhetri will be hanging up his boots after an illustrious 19-year career, which saw many achievements, including scoring 94 international goals.

Though the fans saw that coming, it was still difficult to digest for many. Suhas Bhat, an avid football follower and die-hard Chhetri fan is still reeling under the shock. "We have been watching him play for almost two decades now. So as much as we knew he was going to retire at some point, it's still not been easy," says Bhat. He goes on to add, "I don't think any of us can do justice and translate his contribution to Indian football into words. He's a stalwart in the game and is one of the greatest athletes that our country has produced. Even at 39, he is so fit and trains as hard as anyone else. As an active footballer, he's the third-highest goal scorer at the moment, only behind [Cristiano] Ronaldo and [Lionel] Messi. If India has progressed in recent times in the game, it's mostly because of him."

Chhetri's final match will be played at the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata on June 6 and many have started preparations for that day. Rakesh Haridas, who runs West Block Blues, a fan club of Bangalore FC for which Chhetri is the captain, says the match is an emotional one. "The man got Indian football to a stature where India is recognised as a football nation. Kids have joined football seeing Chhetri play. There is a reason why he is a well-respected sportsperson," says Haridas.

Post the announcement, Chhetri clarified that the decision was not due to any physical injury. "The retirement decision was not because of the physical aspect, I am still fit, running, chasing, defending, the hard work is not difficult, the reason is to do with the mental aspect," says Chhetri, in a virtual interaction.

Shubhan Sahi, who has already started planning for his upcoming trip to Kolkata to watch Chhetri play for the last time in the Indian football team jersey, says the news might have been a shocker but Chhetri knows what he was doing. "He's thought it out long and hard. We need to appreciate his decision and thank him for his contribution to Indian football," says Sahi.

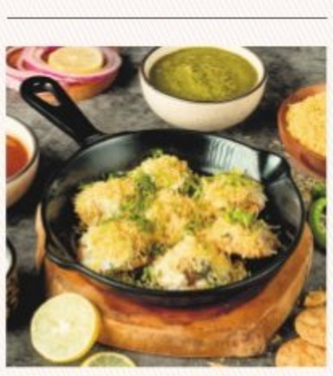
There are many 'Chhetri moments' on the field that people remember. For Felsy Royer, who has witnessed the Chhetri mania live in the stadium, it was India's match against Kyrgyzstan that is still etched in his memory. "There was a game in Kanteerava stadium where India played against Kyrgyzstan in 2017, and Chhetri ran from our box towards Kyrgyzstan's goal with assistance from Jeje and scored a fantastic goal. There's a YouTube video of that goal and the roar of the crowd along with commentary, which tells you everything about the man. That's one of the best moments I have witnessed in a stadium," recalls Royer, adding that she became a fan of football because of Chhetri.

Sunil Chhetri is the third-highest goal scorer at the moment, only behind [Cristiano] Ronaldo and [Lionel] Messi. If India has progressed in recent times in the game, it's mostly because of him – Suhas Bhat, sales professional

CITY READ

Call for applications for PhD and MS by Research Programmes

The International Institute of Information Technology Bangalore (IIIT-Bangalore), is calling for applications for its research degree programmes, the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) and Master of Science (MS) by Research. The PhD programme is designed to prepare students for careers in academia and research laboratories. This rigorous programme involves 3-5 years of intensive study, culminating in a substantial original research project and dissertation defence. Candidates have the flexibility to enrol as full-time or part-time students. The MS by Research is a four-semester programme tailored for students seeking a supportive academic environment to hone their research skills. It focuses on developing research capabilities, leading to a Master's thesis that demonstrates significant original results.



Street food festival at star hotel till May 31

Raj Pavilion in ITC Windsor, Windsor Square Golf Course Road is holding a Street Food Festival till May 31, between 12.30pm and 3.30pm; and from 7pm to 11.30pm. On the menu are a host of dishes, gulab sharbat, sabja shikanji, kulle ke chaat, matka kulche chole, gunpowder idli, gujju dabeli, Kolkata kathi rolls, and club kachodi. The festival also features a live pani puri station and sweet treats, including Mughlai kulfi falooda, baked ras gulab jamun, and meetha paan. The price is ₹1,499++ per person. For more details, call 9740984098.

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C. Krishniah Chetty Group of Jewellers Honoured with IMAGES Excellence Award at PRC 2024

C. Krishniah Chetty Group of Jewellers has been awarded the IMAGES Excellence Award at the Phygital Retail Convention (PRC) 2024. This accolade, awarded in the combined CSR & GEMZ categories, highlights the company's contributions to corporate social responsibility and GEMZ tabletop calendar innovation.

C. Krishniah Chetty Group of Jewellers captivated the jury with their comprehensive presentation of success stories, demonstrating their leadership in CSR initiatives and GEMZ tabletop calendar innovation. Hareesh KA, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility at the group, spearheaded the presentation, which stood out among the 220 entries across 19 categories. The jury's evaluation process was thorough, assessing operational benchmarks, innovation, customer service, supplier relations, employee management, and marketing achievements.

The recognition of C. Krishniah Chetty Group of Jewellers at this prestigious event reinforces their status as a leader in both corporate responsibility and the jewelry sector, setting a high standard for peers in the industry.

The PRC, organised by Images Multimedia Private Limited, took place at the JIO World Convention Center in Mumbai earlier this month. PRC 2024, known as India's largest retail intelligence event, provided invaluable insights and stories to help future-proof businesses in a rapidly evolving market. The convention, held at the state-of-the-art JIO World Convention Center, served as a crucial platform for industry leaders to share their experiences and strategies for success.

Social Cause Campaign – CSR Activities

C. Krishniah Chetty has long supported social causes, including temple support, aiding Telugu and Tamil communities, building government schools for underprivileged children, and advocating for extended education.

Their initiatives include English literacy, math, Bharatanatyam, science exposure through Agastya Foundation, setting up school libraries, sports programs, and educational visits to institutions like Vidhana Soudha and the Planetarium. They have also collaborated with Dr. Sonam Wangchuk's SECMOL school, taking 10 students for hands-on learning.

The C. Krishniah Chetty Institute of Fine Jewellery provides vocational training to craftsmen's children. Moreover, 25 employees volunteer as traffic wardens in Bengaluru to assist local police.

Seasonal Campaign – GEMZ Tabletop Calendar

The GEMZ calendar 2024 celebrates the achievements of young women who are redefining success in various fields. The campaign attracted hundreds of applications from customers and their children. The calendar features 16 extraordinary young women, highlighting their unique and remarkable accomplishments.

Hareesh KA, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility, C. Krishniah Chetty Gorup of Jewellers, Bhavesh Pitroda, CEO, Images Group and Vineet Chadha, COO, Images Group

BOOK NOOK

The Penguin Book of Korean Short Stories
Edited by Bruce Fulton

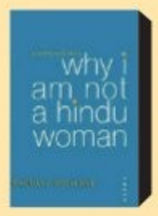
Journeying through Korea's twentieth century, from the Japanese occupation and colonial era to the war between North and South and the rapid, disorienting urbanisation of later decades, this book captures Korea's short-story tradition.

The Naga Warriors
By Akshat Gupta

In this first part of the series, which is set against the backdrop of 1757, the story unfolds as 111 sadhus, led by the fearless Ajaa, confront a formidable Afghan army to safeguard the temples of Gokul.

The Collectors' Chughtai Her Choicest Stories
Translated by Tahira Naqvi

Here, we move through the chawls, havelis, mosques, and villages of India, meeting characters from all classes of society. Chughtai exposes the hypocrisies of a society with a progressive façade that is still caught in the binds of conservative opinion and traditional values.



Why I Am Not A Hindu Woman
By Wandana Sonalkar

In a critique of Hindutva and Hinduism, Wandana Sonalkar outlines why she, born female and upper caste, has repudiated her religious identity. This is a layered political account that weaves personal and public histories.

ABSORBED BY ART

Visitors admire a wood block print on display at the People's Art Exhibition organised at Bangalore International Centre, Domlur on Monday | HEWIN BYJU

DEAR LIFE

Preeti Shenoy
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Novelist, Illustrator, Speaker.

How do you forgive someone who never asked for forgiveness?

Forgiving someone who shows no remorse for what they've done is hard. Often, they may not realise that their behaviour has hurt us. Sometimes, even if they're aware, they take us for granted, dismissing the need for an apology. The sensitivity threshold is different for all of us. What hurts one person deeply might be brushed off by another as inconsequential As a child, I was often told, 'Don't be so sensitive.' It was well-meaning advice given to shield me from getting hurt. However, it's my empathy and ability to perceive feelings deeply that gives emotional depth to my writing.Forgiving someone is a deliberate choice we make. We do it for ourselves so that their words do not continue to linger inside our minds. Remember that they were only capable of that much at that specific point in their life. They couldn't give you any more than they did. Journaling and meditation are both excellent tools for a deeper understanding of why other people's actions affect us. Once we understand this, we can let go of it and be free.

ASK AN XPERT

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SUPPORTED ARDHA BHEKASANA
(SUPPORTED HALF FROG POSE)

This pose, lying on the belly on the floor, is a restorative yoga pose. It can form part of the restorative yoga sequence with the bolster. In a yoga sequence where the focus is on opening the hips, this modification can be practised in the end, to relax the hips. Using bolsters in your practice gives additional support to the body, particularly if the body is feeling stiff, tired, or depleted. This is a combination of Makarasana (Crocodile Pose) and Mandukasana 1 (Frog Pose I). Being considered a resting and relaxing pose, this variation can be part of restorative yoga or practiced at the end of the sequence to relax the hips, back, neck, and shoulders.

STEPS

- Start the session on anxiety control, with a few rounds of breathing in Easy Pose.
- Stretch the spine upwards to the maximum possible.
- Use a bolster to give support for the chest and the head, place it towards one side of the mat, and go down in prone.
- Rest the upper torso on the bolster while placing one side of the face on it.
- Bend the left knee and bring it close to the abdomen while flexing the hips in Supported Ardha Bhekasana.
- Breathing should be slow and smooth and should align with the movement of the spine.
- Continue doing this for about six breaths or more until the body feels close to being relaxed.
- If closing the eyes brings irritation, then remain with the eyes open, and if lying down on the right side is uncomfortable, try moving to the left side of the face and body.

BENEFITS

- Helps support the ribs and the belly for better and improved prana flow.
- Helps support the front part of the body and relaxes the middle back, reducing stiffness in muscles that cause pain and discomfort.
- Practising this Supported Half Frog Pose can be a therapeutic way to heal and relax symptoms related to ailments like breast cancer, asthma, insomnia, high blood pressure, digestion-related problems, trauma, etc.
- Helps relax the hips, inner thighs, lower back, and knees right after the practise of the advanced level yoga pose Frog Pose I.
- Helps relieve sciatic nerve pain and is also good for people suffering from lower back pain.

LIMITATIONS

- Practitioners should avoid lying on the belly if they have injured the lower back, hips, knees, or abdominal muscles.
- In case of surgery related to the internal organs, it is better to lie on the side of the belly, provided it is safe and comfortable.
- While the belly is well-supported, this may not be safe for women during their third trimester. Guidance from a yoga teacher is always required.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

QUICKFIX

HONEY-GLAZED CARROTS

INGREDIENTS

- **Carrots, peeled and sliced:** 6-8
- **Butter:** 75 g
- **Honey:** 1/3 cup
- **Salt and pepper:** 1 tsp
- **Sliced almonds, toasted:** 1/2 cup
- **Thyme leaves:** 1 tsp

METHOD

- Assemble the butter, carrots, honey, salt, and pepper in a medium saucepan. Add water to half-cover the carrots.
- Bring it to a boil, then simmer until the carrots are cooked through. Throw the water.
- Glaze the carrots in the butter and honey, toss with almonds and thyme leaves, and serve as a side dish for lamb or chicken.

Contributed by **Celia Gomes**, Delhi

EXPRESS CONNECT

HAVE A RECIPE OR ART WORK TO SHARE, OR A QUESTION TO ASK?

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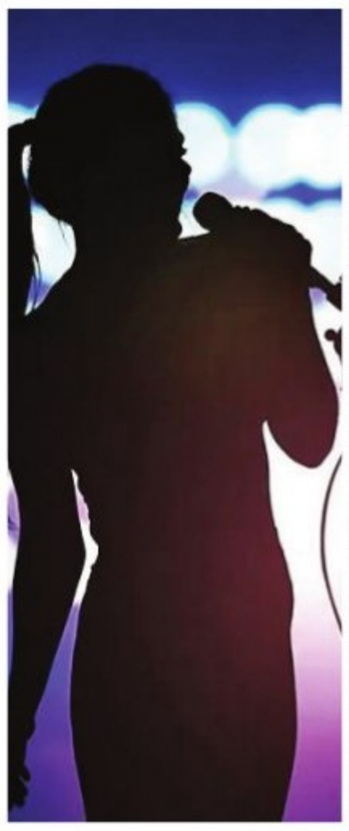
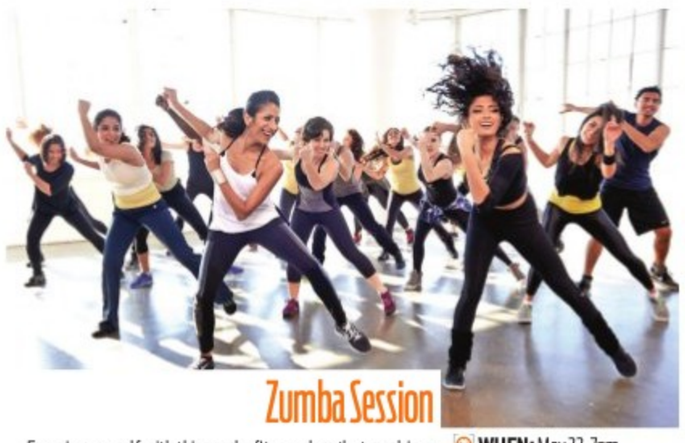


Music and Lyrics

Get ready to unleash your inner superstar at this unforgettable karaoke night with KJ Naveen. Whether you're a seasoned performer or a first-timer, enjoy a night full of music, laughter, and great company.

WHEN: May 23, 8.30pm
WHERE: Hard Rock Cafe, Whitefield
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



Zumba Session

Energise yourself with this zumba fitness class that combines cardio, stretching, and dance routines with a blend of Latin and international dance styles, offering an exciting experience with experienced instructors.

WHEN: May 22, 7pm
WHERE: New York Dance Classes, Ranka Colony Road
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Clay Dates

Indulge in an intimate experience where you and your partner can explore the art of clay together. Designed to ignite your creativity, this event promises to foster a deeper connection between you and your loved ones.

WHEN: May 22, 6pm
WHERE: Wheel and Potter Pottery Studio, Srinivasa Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Theatre Time

Dive into the lives of Irina, Constantine, and Nina as they navigate unfulfilled desires and unattainable dreams in *The Seagull* by Anton Chekov, a play celebrated for its nuanced portrayal of human conflicts and yearnings.

WHEN: May 25, 7pm
WHERE: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Canvas Creations

Let your imagination bring texture and colours onto the canvas. Paint your masterpiece using acrylic paints and experience the art of texture painting as you express your individuality.

WHEN: May 22, 5pm
WHERE: Art Beat, HSR Layout
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Auto Fest

This meet-up is for all car and bike enthusiasts, where you get to rev your favourite machines and share your passion with fellow auto lovers.

WHEN: May 25, 5pm **WHERE:** RMZ Galleria Mall, Yelahanka
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Comedy Night

Step into a laughter-filled open mic event that promises a night of hilarity, and a showcase of the city's burgeoning comedic talent.

WHEN: May 22, 9pm **WHERE:** The Underground Comedy Club, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

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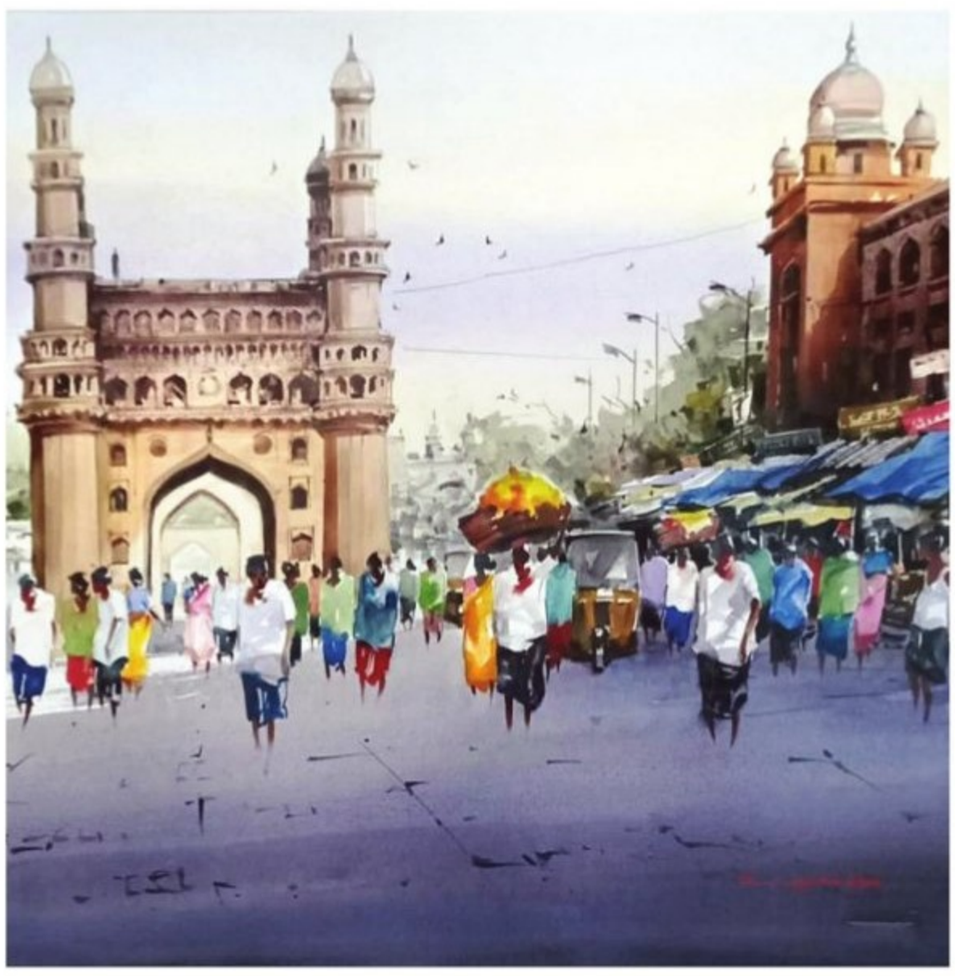

CITYSCAPE

Artist Kaushik Raha's watercolour paper artwork of Charminar portrays the correlation between his surroundings and his paintings

HASTA LA VISTA, CREATIVITY?

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EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

EARLIER this month, a slickly produced ad from a Silicon Valley tech giant, promoting its latest product – an exceedingly thin tablet – went viral for all the wrong reasons. The ad depicted musical instruments, art supplies, film equipment, and more being crushed under a hydraulic press, with the tablet emerging out of their destruction. Likely intended to demonstrate the product's ability to do everything these creative tools could do, the ad instead sparked outrage among the creative community. Some took offence with the implication that a single device could substitute for the 'human experience' of a whole range of artistic tools. Others criticised the ad for its cultural insensitivity, given the historical and sentimental value many of these destroyed items hold in various cultures. For many, the ad was yet another example of Silicon Valley's 'callous attitude' toward the creative community.

While not the first of its kind, the strong response to the ad seems to be largely due to its timing. Over the last 30-odd months, the relentless release of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools, each touted as more capable than the last, has increasingly threatened to redefine what constitutes art and what it means to be an artiste.

Want to craft your own songs, complete with custom lyrics and genres? Udio's got you covered. How about ultra-realistic artwork? Dall-E or Midjourney can conjure it up. Need to create a video but lack the resources or CGI expertise? No problem, Sora or Synthesia are at your service. And let's not forget the large-language models behind the likes of ChatGPT, Claude and Gemini, which have largely dominated AI discourse. The sheer competency of these tools, despite their apparent infancy, has been so striking that major Hollywood studios have seriously considered using them to supplement, or even replace, human writers and artistes.

So, it's no surprise that there's an ever-growing sense of unease within the artistic community. As AI tools continue to evolve at a mind-bogglingly rapid pace, the (near) future of creativity appears increasingly dystopian. One where skills and human expressions are marginalised in favour of cold, efficient algorithms. But is the future really that bleak?

I'm no expert, but ever since 2015, when Google's big-money acquisition, DeepMind, started quietly demonstrating the feasibility of programmes that can train themselves to do stuff that conventional wisdom until then suggested only humans could do, I've been down the rabbit hole, trying to understand the tech behind it – Machine Learning and Neural Networks. These concepts have been around for ages, but it's only in the last decade that we've finally had computers powerful enough to put them to good use. But there's still a huge problem that humans haven't solved – nobody, not even the developers of these models seem to have a complete understanding of how they work.

This has led to companies behind these technologies having lesser than the desired control over how they behave. Chatbots spewing hate speech and image generators struggling with diversity are just the beginning. The fundamental problem with current AI models is their lack of originality. They are, at their core, mathematical models trained on existing data, merely imitating human output from the past. And hence, can never really replace human creativity – at least not anytime soon.

Meanwhile, as the single-biggest source of training data for these models – the internet – gets more and more saturated by AI generated content over the next few years, the quality of AI outputs is bound to decline. Unless, the models are fed with a steady stream of 'fresh' human generated data. How ironic!

The beauty of these models, however, mirrors the open-source software movement of the '90s: they eliminate the need to start from scratch, providing a springboard for inspiration. It's highly unlikely that one would be able to create an award-winning film, or a song entirely with AI. But you might be able to make money selling your 'art' to unsuspecting customers, as one Bengaluru teenager successfully showed last week!

(The writer's views are personal)

Renowned Sufi Kathak dancer Manjari Chaturvedi, who is known for The Courtesan Project, will be performing the latest instalment, *Main Tawaif*, for the first time in the city on Wednesday

BEHIND THE VEIL

POOJA DAS

BE it Madhuri Dixit's portrayal of Chandramukhi in *Devdas* or Aishwarya Rai Bachchan as the beguiling *Umrao Jaan*, there has always been a deceptive connection between seduction and independent women, well-versed in the art of dance and music, also known as courtesans or tawaifs. Now, while the portrayal of these courtesans as women who were mostly ruled by their desires still persists, behind this veil lies a rich history of women who were not only masters in their art but were highly-educated individuals. Many even became actors and singers in Bollywood post-Independence.

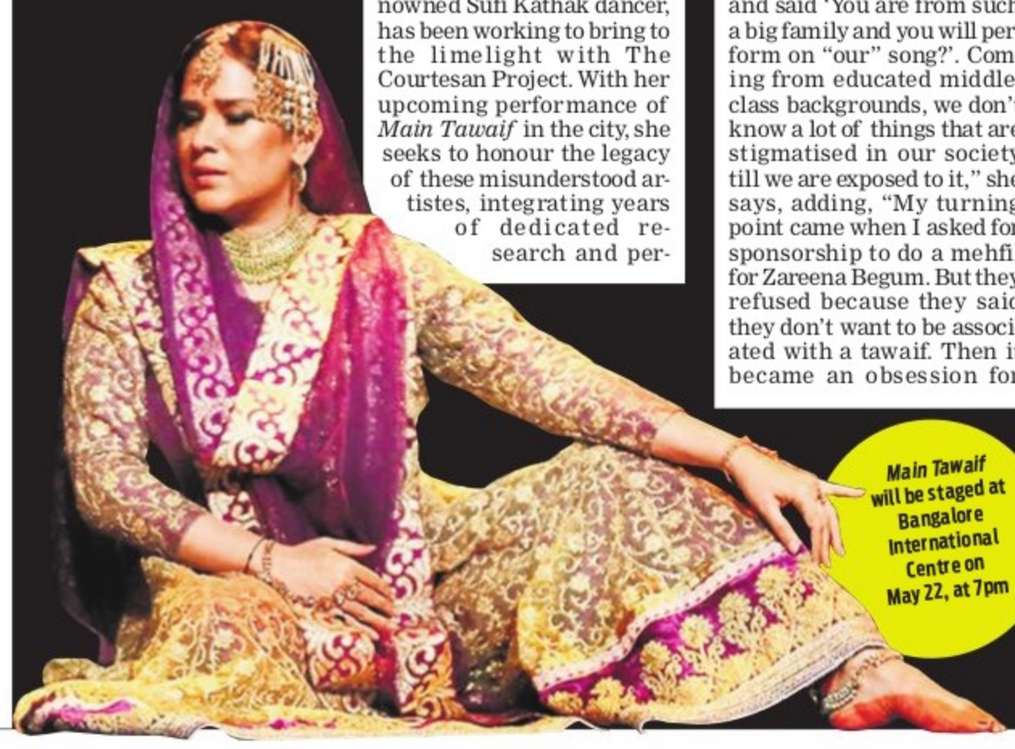
This story is not heard often, but one that Delhi-based **Manjari Chaturvedi**, a renowned Sufi Kathak dancer, has been working to bring to the limelight with The Courtesan Project. With her upcoming performance of *Main Tawaif* in the city, she seeks to honour the legacy of these misunderstood artistes, integrating years of dedicated research and performance. "A lot of people told me this is professional suicide. They told me to let it go because they are relics of history. But I said they are not part of history because no one knows anything about them. We have removed their names from the history of performing arts. In Kathak, there is no mention of women before Independence because they were all tawaifs and the more I found out, the more angry I became," shares Chaturvedi, who started this project 15 years ago.

Her meeting singer Zareena Begum in 1999 in Lucknow, when she was just starting as a young dancer was her first encounter with a world she only heard of in stories. "She was a senior singer and when I told her I would like to dance on one of her songs, she looked at me and said 'You are from such a big family and you will perform on "our" song?'. Coming from educated middle-class backgrounds, we don't know a lot of things that are stigmatised in our society till we are exposed to it," she says, adding, "My turning point came when I asked for sponsorship to do a mehfil for Zareena Begum. But they refused because they said they don't want to be associated with a tawaif. Then it became an obsession for me," recounts Chaturvedi.

After doing free shows for many years, Chaturvedi has tried to find different ways to reach people. "I did a fashion show for Tarun Tahiliani where I was the showstopper. That helped me reach out to a different audience which otherwise I wouldn't have," she says, adding, "For the last 10 years, I have been doing these stories of different courtesans from history like Nawab Jaan and Mirza Ghalib, the tawaif who sang Ghalib. But when I did the fashion show, Tarun asked me if he should introduce me as Manjari Chaturvedi, the tawaif. I hesitated but then immediately I realised that if I don't accept this, then no one will. That day, the show – *Main Tawaif* – took shape."

As part of the performance, Chaturvedi not only dances to the original compositions sung by the tawaifs but also narrates their stories. And as someone who wishes to offer an alternative history and remove the stigma associated with words like tawaif, Chaturvedi says she is disheartened by the 'surface-level portrayal' in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's *Heeramandi*.

"Such portrayals damage women's history beyond repair, presenting a distorted narrative," she laments, adding, "They were known to be great poets. They were women who worked hard for 10-12 years to master a raag or taal. We don't see anything except scheming or conniving women. Great art and artistes have always changed the narrative and not reinforced a stereotype at such a large scale."



Main Tawaif will be staged at Bangalore International Centre on May 22, at 7pm

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CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **Parameneshwariah**, Residing at C N palya, C S pura post, Gubbi Taluk, C S pura hobli, Chandrashekarapura, Tumkur- 572213 have changed my name to **Parameshwaraiah** vide affidavit dated: 18/5/2024 Sworn before notary H.R.Karunakara, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) S. KAMALAVENI,** Spouse of NO.15329068P L/NK SUNDARESAN .S, Residing at Door NO.12B, North Kotta Medu, Mothakkal (Vill & Post), Vellore (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 632319, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) KAMALAVENI.S,** Vide Affidavit Dated 17.05.2024 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **P. MANOJ KUMAR HIRAWAT** and **VIBHA M.** W/o. P. MANOJ KUMAR HIRAWAT, Residing at No. 161, 1st Main Road, A.R. Compound, Mysore Road, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru - 560018, Affirm that my son's actual name is **PRANAV MANOJ HIRAWAT** and incorrectly mentioned in his Birth Certificate as PRANAV KUMAR. In future our son's name shall be called as **PRANAV MANOJ HIRAWAT** for all the purpose. Affidavit sworn before Notary L. Shankaranarayana, Bengaluru-560050, Reg. No. 6312

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Saraswarthi M** W/o Murugesh K residing at No.29, 2nd Cross, Ramadasa Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560098, hereby declare that I changed my name from **"Saraswathi P"** (Old Name) To **"Saraswathi M"** (New Name) vide affidavit dated **20th May 2024** Sworn before notary **Ravi** Advocate & Notary Public Govt of India, No.2663/3, 6th 'B' Main, RPC Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AJAY KUMAR VERMA,** R/a 1372, Flat No. 201, 31st B Cross, Near Bharat Gas Bunk, Jayanagar 4th T Block, Bangalore-560041 have changed my son's name from **PUROHITH NIRANJANA TONTADARYA** to **PUROHITH NIRANJANA** vide affidavit dt. 20.05.2024 before Notary **GANGARAJU.B.N,** Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **ASHWINI SANTHOSH** W/o Santhosh Kumar P, age 33 years, R/at No. 1446, 5th 'A' Main Road, 'D' Block, 2nd Stage, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **ASHWINI SANTHOSH** and **ASHWINI SANTHOSH KUMAR** are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 20-05-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ONKARAPPA .N.R** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) KUMAR E S/o.Sri. Elumalai G, residing at Chunchagatte Main Road, Maruti Bhavan, 7th Cross, Ganapathy Pura, Green Value School, Chanchagatte Main Road, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560062. have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) KUMAR E** to **(NEW NAME) VAKESH KUMAR E** vide affidavit dated 20.05.2024 sworn before Notary Mohammed Hussain.K Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **M.H. MANJUNATH** Date Of Birth: 10.07.1986 S/O M.N. HARI Resident of No. 144/3, 2nd Main road, Vidyaramyanagara, Magadi road, Bangalore 560023 Karnataka, I have changed my name from **MANJUNATH MAJJEYAR to MANJUNATH MAGAJI HARI** and I have changed my date of birth from **25.06.1988** to **10.07.1986.** I solemnly affirm and declare that both the names and DOB are indicating and referring myself as a same and one identical person, not different person whatsoever. Vide affidavit dated 27-03-2024 sworn before advocate and notary CK. Anupama, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Rani Srikantha** W/ o Srikantha.C.P S/o Parameshwaraiah, Residing at C N palya, C S pura, Post Gubbi Taluk, C S pura hobli, Chandrashekarapura, Tumkur-572213, have changed my name to **Rani G.R** vide affidavit dated: 18/5/2024 Sworn before Notary H.R.Karunakara, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) GOPALAN P,** Father of NO 16114217M HAV JINESH P, Residing at Puthiyarambil House, Nidukulam, Pattanur (Vill & Post), Thalassery (Tehsil), Kannur (Dist), KERALA (State), PIN: 670595, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) P GOPALAN,** And **DOB** from **01.07.1960** to **05.10.1958** Vide Affidavit Dated 18.05.2024 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE.

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I, **P. MANOJ KUMAR HIRAWAT** and **VIBHA M.** W/o. P. MANOJ KUMAR HIRAWAT, Residing at No. 161, 1st Main Road, A.R. Compound, Mysore Road, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru - 560018, Affirm that my son's actual name is **LAKSH MANOJ HIRAWAT** and incorrectly mentioned in his Birth Certificate as LAKSH. In future our son's name shall be called as **LAKSH MANOJ HIRAWAT** for all the purpose. Affidavit sworn before Notary L. Shankaranarayana, Bengaluru-560050, Reg. No. 6312

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRAVEEN KUMAR** S/o Sanjeeva Shetty, R/at flat No. DF1 SVS,Windgates, 13th Cross, Horamavu Agara Main Road, St.Vincent Pallotti School, Babusapalya, Kalyananagar, Bengaluru-560043, have changed my name to **PRAVEEN SHETTY,** vide affidavit dated: 20.05.2024, before notary **Gangaraju B.N,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **UMAVATHY JOHN CHARLES** W/o John Charles, aged 56 years, R/aNo.35, Ground Floor, 2nd Cross, Sunny Layout, Varanasi Main Road, Maragondanahalli, Krishnarajapuram, Bangalore-560036 have changed my name to **UMAVATHY** vide affidavit dt. 20.05.2024 before Notary **S.I. BALAGURU,** Bangalore.

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I, **TANISHA KARAN MEHTA,** W/o Karan Mehta, age 36 years, R/at Flat No. 5403, Trendz Apartment, Gaddige Main Road, Bogadi, Mysore-570026, today at Bangalore do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **TANISHA CHETAN SHARMA** to **TANISHA KARAN MEHTA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **TANISHA KARAN MEHTA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 20-05-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S. VIJAYAKUMAR** at Bangalore.

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I, RAMAN P VELU S/O PULIYERI VELU aged about 59 years, residing at NO 40 S R MANSION A S CHAR STREET BANGALORE-560053, have changed my father's name from **DURIYOLI VELU** to **PULIYERI VELU,** vide affidavit dated 20/5/2024 sworn to before Munirathnamma.D advocate and notary Bangalore.

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I, **MOHAMMED WAZIR, Residing at No. 43, 9th Cross, Gaspal Street, Thomas Town, Bengaluru-560084, have changed my name to**
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vide affidavit dated: 09.05.2024 before notary KUNDAN BABU .M., Bengaluru.

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I, **Mohamed Khizarullah S** S/o Mohammed Sadullah residing at Daaliya, Daadys garden, Kammasandra electronic City post, Bangalore - 560100 have changed my name to **Mohamed Khizarullah** vide affidavit dated: 18/5/2024 sworn before notary Prakasha, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) EPANAGANDLA HASEENA,** Spouse of NO.15326768X HAV EPANAGANDLA VEERAIAH, Residing at House NO. 3-188, Chollaveedu (Vill), Chollaveedu (Post), Prakasam (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 523372, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) EPANAGANDLA HASINA,** And **DOB** from **23.08.1984** to **01.01.1987** Vide Affidavit Dated 18.05.2024 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SANDEEP A. DUGAR** and **SARIKA S. DUGAR** W/o. SANDEEP A. DUGAR, Residing at No. 161, 1st Main Road, A.R. Compound, Mysore Road, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru - 560018, Affirm that my daughter's actual name is **DIVA SANDEEP DUGAR** and incorrectly mentioned in her Birth Certificate as DHRITI S. DUGAR. In future our daughter's name shall be called as **DIVA SANDEEP DUGAR** for all the purpose. Affidavit sworn before Notary L. Shankaranarayana, Bengaluru-560050, Reg. No. 6312

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I, **ASHIWINI .K.V,** W/o Aravind .P, age 47 years, R/at No. 21, 1st Floor, 5th Main Road, J C Nagar, Kurubarahalli, Near Thomos Building, Benglauru-560 086 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ASHIWINI ARAVIND** to **ASHIWINI .K.V,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **ASHIWINI .K.V** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 18th May 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PRAKASHA .C** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Smt. N. Bhagya Lakshmi** W/o Late N. Murali Mohan, age 39 years, R/at No. 9-12, Patha Batthalapalli, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh-515501, presently R/at D-216, High Court Staff Quarters, Krishnayanpalya, Bangalore-560038 do hereby declare that my name is changed from **Smt. Sri Lakshmi** to **Smt. N. Bhagya Lakshmi** pursuant to the judgement and decree dated 20th day of April 2024 in **O.S. No. 6402/2023** passed by **Smt. Shainey K.M,** XIV Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SIMRAN P SAKARIA,** W/o. Jainam N Jain, residing at #105, Surveyour Street, Near Cool Corner Hotel, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru 560004 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SIMRAN** to **SIMRAN P SAKARIA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SIMRAN P SAKARIA** for all purposes, vide Affidavit Dated: 03/05/2024 sworn before Notary **BHARATI PATIL,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I,**PRITI KUMARI GOYAL** W/o Naveen Kumar Gupta,R/a Flat No.104,138/4,Pariwar Shanbhag Apartment,Near B G Road Arekere,Near Coconut Garden,Bannerghatta Road,Bangalore-560076.Have Changed My Name From **PRITI KUMARI GOYAL** To **PREETI GUPTA.** Vide Affidavit Date:18/05/2024.Sworn Before Notary:ARAVIND PATIL G.G.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Bhavana Maloor, D/o M S Shridhar and N Lalitha, Residing at Flat No. B 102, B Block, 1st Floor, Rainbow Waterfront Apartment, Uttarahalli, Bangalore 560061,**
have changed my name from
BHAVANA MALOOR to M S SOURABHI
vide affidavit dated: 20.05.2024 before advocate and notary Anitha Bai, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO.15329068P L/NK SUNDARESAN.S, Residing at Door NO.12B, North Kotta Medu, Mothakkal (Vill & Post), Vellore (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 632319, Have Changed My Son Name **(OLD NAME) S. KARTHIKEYAN** to **(NEW NAME) KARTHIKEYAN.S,** Vide Affidavit Dated 17.05.2024 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO.JC- 314162P NB/SUB RAMESH G, Residing at House NO. 239, Mettuedayam Patti (Vill), A Kattupadi (Post), Vellore (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 632011, Have Changed My Son Name **(OLD NAME) R AGATHIYAN** to **(NEW NAME) AGATHIYAN R,** Vide Affidavit Dated 14.05.2024 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VIJAYA KUMARA MANIKYAM,** S/o Manikyam R/o No.11, HSK Layout, Opp. School of India, Bannerghatta Post, Bengaluru - 560083 Karnataka, have changed my name as **M. VIJAY KUMAR** at Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **JOTHI SINIGH,** W/o Jitendra Singh, age 45 years, R/at Bhagirathi Bhavan, No. 12, 1st Main, 3rd Cross, Balaji Layout, Muddanahalli, Singanayakanahalli, Bengaluru-560 064 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **JOTHI SINIGH** and **JYOTHI SINIGH** are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 14th May 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **RUKHIABI** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SARIKA VIKAS MOTE** W/o Vikas.B, aged about 23 years, residing at No.8/3, 5th Cross, R.T. Street, Bengaluru-560053, my name entered as **'SARIKA PRABHAKAR BANGAR'** in my SSLC Marks Card, Marriage Certificate, Pan Card, & other documents. my name entered in my Aadhaar Card as **'SARIKA VIKAS MOTE'** after my marriage I have changed my name from **'SARIKA PRABHAKAR BANGAR'** to **'SARIKA VIKAS MOTE'** vide affidavit dated **18.05.2024** sworn to before Notary **"R.Basavaraja"** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mr. A.K. CHANDRASHEKAR RAJU,** Son of late Sri. A. Krishnam Raju, Aged about 62 years, have changed my name as **A.K. CHANDRASHEKAR** vide Affidavit dated : 13-05-2024 duly sworn to before the Notary Public, Mr. M.S. Satish, at Bengaluru.
Sd/-
(A.K. CHANDRASHEKAR)

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AYAUSH RANJAN** son of **NIRANJAN KUMAR** resident of SMQ- P202/3, HQ Training Command, IAF, JC Nagar Post, Bengauru- 560006, have changed my Name from **AYAUSH RANJAN** to **AYUSH RANJAN** vide Affidavit dated: 16-05-2024 before Notary **N. Peruvazhuthi,** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **R.KUSHANTH REDDY, S/o.** Ramachandra Reddy, aged about 40 years, R/at No.617, 80 Feet Road, 4th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560034, I have changed my daughter's name from **K.JIYA REDDY to K.BHUVIKA REDDY,** only, and in future my daughter name is **"K.BHUVIKA REDDY"** only, vide Affidavit dated 17.05.2024 sworn before advocate and notary Munirathnamma D, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO.15329068P L/NK SUNDARESAN.S, Residing at Door NO.12B, North Kotta Medu, Mothakkal (Vill & Post), Vellore (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 632319, Have Changed My Son Name **(OLD NAME) S. PUVARASAN** to **(NEW NAME) PUVARASAN .S,** Vide Affidavit Dated 17.05.2024 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) NAVANEETAN,** Mother of NO. JC- 314162P NB/SUB RAMESH G, Residing at House NO. 239, Mettuedayam Patti (Vill), A Kattupadi (Post), Vellore (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 632011, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) G NAVANIDHAM,** And **DOB** from **01.07.1962** to **01.01.1955,** Vide Affidavit Dated 14.05.2024 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VEENA CHANNAHALLI VEERABHADRAPPA** (Old Name), aged about 41 years, W/o. PRASANNA KUMARA MALLAPURA GURUSHANTHAPPA, RESIDING AT NO 152 SAMRUDHI 9TH CROSS RHCS LAYOUT 2ND STAGE, A BLOCK SRIGANDHADA KAVALU, BENGALURU-560091, KARNATAKA, declare that I have changed my name from **VEENA CHANNAHALLI VEERABHADRAPPA** (Old Name) to **VEENA PRASANNA** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **VEENA PRASANNA** (New Name) for all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit dated: 20/05/2024 before Notary **GANGARAJU.B.N.** at BENGALURU

AFFIDAVIT
I, **AROCKIA SHANEL JOHN,** Son of JOSEPH JOHN, residing at No.10/A 2nd Cross, Gurumahal Layout, KammagondanaHalli, P.O.Jalahalli West, Bangalore-560015, have changed my name to **AROCKIA SHANEL,** vide affidavit dated: 20.05.2024, before Notary **S.Samuel Solomon,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **N. SHANTHAMMA alias PADMA,** age 60 years, D/o Sri Nanjundappa and W/o Sri K. Suryanarayana, R/at No. 21, Sony Cottage, Pada nilaya, Kempegowda Layout, Kattigenahalli, Near Palanahalli Lake, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560 064 do hereby declare that both the names i.e **PADMA .S** and **N. SHANTHAMMA** are one and the same and refers to me only, now I have changed my name to **N. SHANTHAMMA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **N. SHANTHAMMA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 26-03-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **H. SRIDHAR RAO** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RUHI RIYAZ MEMAN / RUHI SHILKE,** W/o. Mr. Manmath Shilke, Aged about 29 years, Resident at Prestige Cedars, Villa No. 7, Convent Road, Shanthalanagar, Richmond Town, Bangalore - 560 025, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Ruhi Riyaz Meman** to **Ruhi Shilke.** Vide affidavit dated 20-05-2024 sworn to before Lakshminarayana, Advocate & Notary Public, Government of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **EFFATH ALIYA NAAZ** W/o **Hyder Ali Basha Saheb.,** Date of birth: 08/03/1986 R/at No.43, 2nd Floor, Om Sree Vinayaka Nilayam, 2nd Cross, MaruthiLayout, Basapura Bengaluru- 560100 have changed my name to **EFFATH ALIYA NAAZ NAZEER AHMED** vide affidavit dated: 20/5/2024 Before Notary K.V.Mani Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JAGADISH PARAMESHWAR** S/o Parameshwar, R/of No.A-6, 4th Floor, Sai Graha Apartment, 3rd Block, 1st Cross, Papanna Layout, V N Halli, Bangalore North, R.T. Nagar Post, Bangalore - 560 032, have changed my name from **JAGADISH PARAMESHWARAPPA** (old name) to **JAGADISH PARAMESHWAR** (new name) for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 20-05-2024 sworn before Notary Leela, Bengaluru.

SHIVARAJKUMAR JOINS THE SET OF *UTTARAKAANDA*

The Bhairathi Ranagal actor will be in Belagavi for the shoot of Rohit Padaki's directorial alongside Dhananjay

SHIVARAJKUMAR, who took time off from shooting to election campaign for his wife Geetha, is back on the sets of Rohit Padaki's *Uttarakaanda* after a short break. This action-packed gangster drama, directed by Rohit Padaki, reunites the hit combination of Shivanna and Dhananjay as the leads. Shivarajkumar is starting his portions in Belagavi. On the other hand, Aishwarya Rajesh, making her Kannada debut, will star opposite Dhananjay. The makers are also bringing back the popular pair of Shivanna and Bhavana (*Tagaru* and *Bhajarani 2*) for the film.

Uttarakaanda is produced by Karthik Gowda and Yogi G Raj under the KRG Studios banner. The film will also feature Diganth opposite Chaithra Achar. The cast also includes Yogaraj Bhat and Gopal Krishna Deshpande in pivotal roles. Amit Trivedi will be making his Kannada debut as the film's music director, with Advaitha Gurumurthy as the cinematographer.

Shivanna has a busy schedule ahead of him. His film *Bhairathi Ranagal* is slated for an August 15 release. The actor also has Arjun Janya's film *45*, which is in various stages of production. He will soon be joining Ram Charan's film, in which he plays a prominent role. Another project in his lineup is *IV Returns*, for which he needs to begin shooting soon.

Shivarajkumar

A still from the film

Rishi to join hands with Kishore Bhargav for a Kannada-Telugu bilingual

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Rishi will join hands with Pramod Narayan's Rocked Films, the producer of *Sanju Weds Geetha* and Haage Sumane, for a new project. An announcement came from the production team's side on Monday. The project will be directed by Kishore Bhargav. Hailing from Karnataka, Kishore has worked with Ram Gopal Varma, directed a Telugu film, and will now be venturing into Kannada cinema. Producer Pramod Narayan has announced that shooting will commence in August, following the monsoon season, and that the title of the film will be unveiled soon.

The makers are planning for a Kannada-Telugu bilingual. Rishi has also gained recognition in Telugu through Disney Hotstar's web series *Shaitan* and is popular in Tamil Nadu as well. Producer Pramod Narayan states, "Our film will have a story that appeals to fans of all languages."

Rishi's next release will be *Rudra Garuda Purana*, which portrays the actor in a detective role.

Rishi

Pramod Narayan

Kishore Bhargav

Ragini Dwivedi makes special dance cameo for *Sanju Weds Geetha 2*

Nagashekar's romantic drama stars Srinagar Kitty and Rachita Ram

CE FEATURES

Director Nagashekar, who has a penchant for love stories, is now set to present another romantic drama. While *Sanju Weds Geetha*, (Srinagar Kitty and Ramya) released a decade ago, was a huge hit, the director has now woven a new love story with *Sanju Weds Geetha 2*. The film, starring Srinagar Kitty and Rachita Ram, is in its last phase of shooting. Recently, the makers filmed a song, acting as a celebration of *Sanju and Geetha's* wedding anniversary. This special party song features Ragini Dwivedi as well. The shoot took place at the glass house of BGS High School in Kumbalgodu, with 200 to 250 dancers participating in the track. Mangli has lent her voice to this song, and Bajrangi Mohan has choreographed it. Most of the film's shooting is already complete, with only two fight sequences and some patchwork for one song remaining.

The team, targeting an August release for the film, is already halfway through post-production. They have completed the film's edit, and its dubbing is in its final stages. A significant part of the shooting for *Sanju Weds Geetha 2* took place in Switzerland, covering 11 locations over 15 days. In addition, a lavish song sequence was shot over five days in Kunigal, adding grandeur to the film. Plans are underway to release the songs at grand events in Hassan and Haveri.

The film, produced by Chhalavadi Kumar and made under the banner of Pavitra International Movie Makers, has story, screenplay, and direction by Nagashekar, with Sridhar V Sambhram composing five songs.

Sanju Weds Geetha 2 features Chetan Chandra in a cameo and Sampath Kumar as a villain, besides Rangayana Raghu, Sadhu Kokila, Tabla Nani, and Gicchi Giligili Vinod. It will be released worldwide by 24 Creations through Gokul Films.

A still from the film

Ragini Dwivedi

'Established faces come with certain expectations'

...says Naveen Reddy, who discusses his shift to a rooted tale in his third outing, *Moorane Krishnappa*, and his decision to cast Rangayana Raghu and Sampath Maitreya in the film

CE FEATURES

Naveen Reddy, the director of the films *Akira* and *Relax Satya*, is a firm believer that offbeat content can still make for a good commercial entertainer. His latest project, *Moorane Krishnappa*, starring Rangayana Raghu and Sampath Maitreya in the lead roles, reflects this belief. "*Akira* was a love story. And *Relax Satya* was an experiment—a project I considered my film school. With my third outing, I wanted to go with a rooted subject, and that's how *Moorane Krishnappa* came about," says Naveen Reddy, affirming that every scene in the film is original.

Firstly, the film's title, *Moorane Krishnappa,* is unique, and Naveen believes that this aspect of the title will capture the audience's attention. "Titles like these add to the interest and curiosity among viewers," he asserts.

Moreover, the buzz surrounding *Moorane Krishnappa* began with its trailer, which introduces viewers to the story of Veeranna (Rangayana Raghu), a village panchayat president. With local elections fast approaching, Veeranna devises a plan to build a temple, hoping to inaugurate it with a celebrity to gain political favor. He enlists Krishnappa, a school teacher (Sampath Maitreya), to help him secure the celebrity.

Interestingly, the inspiration for this storyline came from a real-life incident in Naveen's hometown. "I observed a similar situation back home, and it sparked the idea to make a film," the director explains.

Naveen's casting choices reflect his commitment to authenticity. "Established faces come with certain expectations. However, with versatile actors like Rangayana Raghu and Sampath Maitreya, their ability to bring each character to life and the story's unique language rooted in Kolar's essence makes it refreshing," says Naveen. He particularly mentions how he discovered Sampath Maitreya's potential after watching a scene featuring the actor in *KGF*. "I was not familiar with Sampath until I watched his scene in *KGF*. Thereafter, I took about six months to pen the story with him in mind, and then I approached him. Sometimes, stories decide the actors and help develop the narrative, which was the case with *Moorane Krishnappa*," he says.

Produced by Mohan Reddy and Ravishankar's Red Dragon Films, *Moorane Krishnappa* has music composed by Anand Rajavikram and Suprith Sharma, as well as cinematography by Yogi. It is scheduled for a May 24 release.

Naveen Reddy

Rangayana Raghu

Sripriya

Sampath Maitreya

SAMBHAVAMI YUGE YUGE WRAPS UP SHOOTING

CE FEATURES

Sambhavami Yuge Yuge draws its title from a timeless verse in the Bhagavad Gita where Lord Krishna makes a statement that means, "I manifest myself in every age, whenever there is a decline in righteousness and rise in unrighteousness." This powerful declaration of divine intervention serves as the philosophical backbone of the film. The project with Jay Shetty as the lead is produced by Pratibha under the Rajalakshmi Entertainment banner and directed by Chetan Chandrashekhar Shetty.

Chetan Chandrashekhar, who not only directed the film but also wrote its screenplay and dialogue, is said to have incorporated elements inspired by the aforesaid verse. According to Chetan Shetty, the film weaves together threads of thriller, action, romance, and deep-seated emotions, offering a comprehensive entertainment package.

The film's production phase wrapped up in and around Channapatna, and the team is currently busy with post-production activities and has unveiled a character motion poster. Alongside Jay Shetty, the film features Nisha Rajput as the female lead, with a supporting cast including Pramod Shetty, Sudharani, Bhavya, Ashok Kumar, Madhura Gowda, Abhay Puneeth, Bala Rajawadi, and Ashwin Hasan.

Music plays a pivotal role in *Sambhavami Yuge Yuge,* with four songs composed by Puran Shettigar. The film's background score is by Prankrin Rakhi, with editing by Ravish Atmaram and cinematography by Raju Hemmigepura.

A still from the film